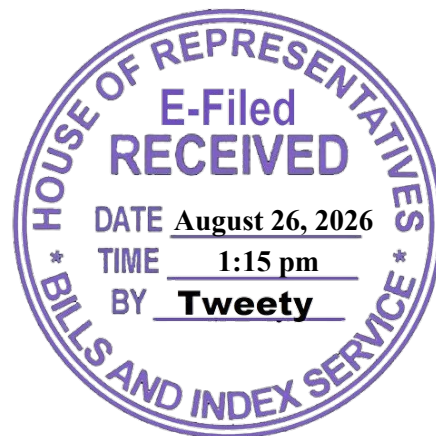




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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 591

Submitted by the Committee on Local Government on August 26, 2026

Re: House Bill No. 10971

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1125, 10656, 10713, 10714 and 10807

Sponsors: Representatives Florencio T. Miraflores, Ma. Victoria Co-Pilar, Henry "Indy" F. Oaminal, Jr., Antonino B. Roman III, Bernadette G. Escudero, and Javier Miguel Lopez Benitez

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Local Government, to which were referred **House Bill No. 1125**, introduced by Representative Alexander Ty Pimentel, entitled:

“AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A TERM OF OFFICE FOR BARANGAY ELECTIVE OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

House Bill No. 10656, introduced by Representative Bernadette G. Escudero, entitled:

“AN ACT FIXING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN TO FIVE (5) YEARS, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 12232 OR ‘AN ACT SETTING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’”

House Bill No. 10713, introduced by Representatives Janette L. Garin, David "Jay-Jay" C. Suarez, Francisco Paolo P. Ortega V, Jefferson F. Khonghun, Ysabel Maria J. Zamora, Terry L. Ridon, Atty. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro, Jude A. Acidre, and Joel R. Chua, entitled:

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House Bill No. 10714, introduced by Representatives Marcelino C. Libanan and Christopher Sheen P. Gonzales, entitled:

“AN ACT FIXING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN OFFICIALS TO FIVE (5) YEARS AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 12232 OR ‘AN ACT SETTING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’”

and **House Bill No. 10807**, introduced by Representative Marcelino "Marcy" R. Teodoro, entitled:

“AN ACT FIXING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN TO FIVE (5) YEARS AND POSTPONING THE SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS TO NOVEMBER 2028, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 12232 OR ‘AN ACT SETTING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES’”

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. **10971**, entitled:

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be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1125, 10656, 10713, 10714 and 10807 with Representatives Bernadette G. Escudero, Janette L. Garin, David "Jay-Jay" C. Suarez, Francisco Paolo P. Ortega V, Jefferson F. Khonghun, Ysabel Maria J. Zamora, Terry L. Ridon, Atty. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro, Jude A. Acidre, Joel R. Chua, Marcelino C. Libanan, Christopher Sheen P. Gonzales, Marcelino "Marcy" R. Teodoro, Alexander Ty Pimentel, Raymond Democrito C. Mendoza, Alfredo "Albee" B. Benitez, Alyssa Michaela "Mica" M. Gonzales, Ma. Victoria Co-Pilar, Monique Yazmin Maria Q. Lagdameo, Antonino B. Roman III, Henry "Indy" F. Oaminal, Jr., Jesus "Jess" R. Marquez, Edwin L. Cruzado, M.D., Dale B. Corvera, Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr., Karl Fernandez Legazpi, Javier Miguel Lopez Benitez, Benjamin C. Agarao, Jr., Caroline B. Agyao, M.D., Ustadz Yusop T. Alano, Antonio "Tonypet" T. Albano, Loreto S. Amante, Maria Cristina C. Angeles, Junard "Ahong" Q. Chan, Katrina Reiko Chua-Tai, Agatha "Agay" Cruz, Walfredo "Arman" R. Dimaguila, Jr., Imelda Quibranza Dimaporo, Albert S. Garcia, Maria Angela S. Garcia, Ed Christopher S. Go, Richard I. Gomez, DPA, Roy M. Gonzales, Charisse Anne C. Hernandez, Ramil L. Hernandez, Carmelo G. Lazatin, Jr., Isidro D. Lumayag, Esmael G. Mangudadatu, Ann Matibag, Francisco "Lalo" T. Matugas, Roger Gaviola Mercado, Ramon C. Nolasco, Edwin Ongchuan, Mario "Kokoy" O. Salvador, Leody "Odie" F. Tarriela, Roberto "Pinpin" T. Uy, Jr., Baby Aline Vargas-Alfonso, Patrick Michael D. Vargas, Julius Cesar "Jay" V. Vergara, Zaldy S. Villa, Mark Cholo I. Violago, and Florencio T. Miraflores as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


Rep. FLORENCIO T. MIRAFLORES
Chairperson
Committee on Local Government

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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AN ACT

FIXING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN TO FIVE (5) YEARS, AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 12232 OR "AN ACT SETTING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 12232 or "An Act Setting the Term of Office of Barangay Officials and Members of the Sangguniang Kabataan, and for Other Purposes" is hereby amended to read as follows:

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2 “SECTION 1. *Term of Office.* – The term of office of all elected
3 barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials shall be [four (4)] **FIVE**
4 **(5)** years. No elective barangay official shall serve for more than three
5 (3) consecutive terms in the same position. No elective Sangguniang
6 Kabataan official shall serve for more than one (1) term in the same
7 positions. Voluntary renunciation of office for any length of time shall not
8 be considered as an interruption in the continuity of service for the full
9 term for which the elective official was elected.”

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11 **SEC. 2.** Section 2 of Republic Act No. 12232 is hereby amended to read as
12 follows:

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14 “SEC. 2. *Date of Election.* – The next regular barangay and
15 Sangguniang Kabataan elections shall be held on the [first] **SECOND**
16 Monday of November [2026] **2028** and every [four (4)] **FIVE (5)** years
17 thereafter.”

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19 **SEC. 3.** Section 5 of Republic Act No. 12232 is hereby amended to read as
20 follows:

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22 “SEC. 5. *Transitory Provision.* – Incumbent elective barangay
23 officials **SHALL BE REGARDED AS HAVING COMPLETED ONE**
24 **TERM IN THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS, CONSIDERING THE**
25 **EXTENSION OF THEIR TERMS BY TWO (2) YEARS. INCUMBENT**
26 **OFFICIALS** serving their third consecutive term in the same position
27 shall [not be eligible] **BE INELIGIBLE** to run for the same position in the
28 November [2026] **2028** Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan
29 Elections.”

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31 **SEC. 4. Separability Clause.** If any of the sections or provisions of this Act is
32 held invalid, all other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid.

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34 **SEC. 5. Repealing Clause.** All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,
35 letters of instructions, proclamations, and administrative regulations that are
36 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
37 accordingly.

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39 **SEC. 6. Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
40 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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Approved,

FACT SHEET

HOUSE BILL NO. 10971

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(As Approved by the Committee on Local Government on 25 August 2026)

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*Committee Referral: **COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**
Committee Chairperson: **REP. FLORENCIO T. MIRAFLORES***

OBJECTIVES:

- To extend the term of barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) officials from four (4) to five (5) years.
- To promote continuity and stability in barangay governance by reducing disruptions caused by frequent elections and allowing officials to focus on public service.
- To provide sufficient time to implement and complete community development programs and projects.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Increases the term of elected barangay and SK officials from 4 to 5 years.
- Moves the next Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections from November 2026 to November 2028, with elections every five years thereafter.
- Incumbent barangay officials are deemed to have completed one term due to the two-year extension.
- Incumbents serving their third consecutive term are ineligible to run for the same position in 2028.
- Retains the existing three-term limit for barangay officials and one-term limit for SK officials.

RELATED LAWS

- **Republic Act No. 6653:** An Act Providing for the First Regular Election of Barangay Officials and for Other Purposes.
- **Republic Act No. 6679:** An Act Providing for the Election of Barangay Officials, Amending for the Purpose Certain Provisions of Batas Pambansa Blg. 222, Otherwise Known as the “Barangay Election Act of 1982”.
- **Republic Act No. 7160:** Local Government Code of 1991.
- **Republic Act No. 8524:** An Act Increasing the Term of Office of Barangay Officials and Members of the Sangguniang Kabataan, Amending for the Purpose Section 43 of Republic Act Numbered Seven Thousand One Hundred Sixty, Otherwise Known as the “Local Government Code of 1991, and for Other Purposes”.
- **Republic Act No. 9164:** Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act of 2002.
- **Republic Act No. 9340:** An Act Resetting the Date of Regular Elections for Barangay Officials and Members of the Sangguniang Kabataan, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 9164.
- **Republic Act No. 10632:** An Act to Postpone the Sangguniang Kabataan Elections on October 28, 2013, amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 9340 and for Other Purposes.
- **Republic Act No. 10656:** An Act Postponing the Sangguniang Kabataan Elections to the Last Monday of October 2016, amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 9164, as Amended, entitled “An Act Providing for Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections, Amending Republic Act No. 7160, as Amended,

Otherwise Known as the “Local Government Code of 1991”, and for Other Purposes.

- **Republic Act No. 10923:** An Act Postponing the October 2016 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections, amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 9164, as amended by Republic Act No. 9340 and Republic Act No. 10656, Prescribing Additional Rules Governing the Conduct of Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections and for Other Purposes.
- **Republic Act No. 10952:** An Act Postponing the October 2017 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections, amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 9164, as amended by Republic Act No. 9340, Republic Act No. 10632, Republic Act No. 10656, and Republic Act No. 10923, and for Other Purposes.
- **Republic Act No. 11462:** An Act Postponing the May 2020 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections, amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 9164, as Amended by Republic Act No. 9340, Republic Act No. 10632, Republic Act No. 10656, Republic Act No. 10923 and Republic Act No. 10952, and for Other Purposes.
- **Republic Act No. 11935:** An Act Postponing the December 5, 2022 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections, Amending for the Purpose Republic Act No. 9164, as Amended, and for Other Purposes (Declared Unconstitutional).
- **Republic Act No. 12232:** An Act Setting the Term of Office of Barangay Officials and Members of the Sangguniang Kabataan, and for Other Purposes.