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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:

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

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

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

1       **SEC. 3.** Section 5 of Republic Act No. 12232 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:  
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4               “**SEC. 5. *Transitory Provision.*** – Incumbent elective barangay  
5 officials **SHALL BE REGARDED AS HAVING COMPLETED ONE**  
6 **TERM IN THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS, CONSIDERING THE**  
7 **EXTENSION OF THEIR TERMS BY TWO (2) YEARS. INCUMBENT**  
8 **OFFICIALS** serving their third consecutive term in the same position  
9 shall [not be eligible] **BE INELIGIBLE** to run for the same position in the  
10 November [2026] **2028** Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan  
11 Elections.”  
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13       **SEC. 4. *Appropriations.*** – The amount necessary to implement the provisions  
14 of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.  
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16       Any unexpended balances of the appropriations authorized for the conduct of  
17 the barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections shall be deemed continuing  
18 appropriation of the Commission on Elections and shall remain available as a funding  
19 source to cover the preparatory activities for the national and local elections of 2028,  
20 and such other lawful expenditures and purposes as may be determined by the  
21 commission.  
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23       **SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.*** – If any of the sections or provisions of this Act  
24 is held invalid, all other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid.  
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26       **SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders,  
27 letters of instructions, proclamations, and administrative regulations that are  
28 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified  
29 accordingly.  
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31       **SEC. 7. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
32 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,