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AN ACT
POSTPONING THE MAY 2020 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG
KABATAAN ELECTIONS TO MAY 2021, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED
BY REPUBLIC ACT NOS. 10632, 10656, 10923, AND 10952,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This legislation proposes to postpone the synchronized barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections from the second Monday of May 2020 to the second Monday of May 2021 and every three years thereafter. The present barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials who were elected during the May 14, 2018 elections have a term of two (2) years or up to noon of June 30, 2020.

The barangay officials are at the forefront in delivering basic services and facilities to the people such as the following: agricultural support services; health and social welfare services; maintenance of barangay health centers and day-care centers; and, maintenance of barangay roads and bridges, water supply systems, infrastructure facilities such as multi-purpose halls, multi-purpose pavements, plazas, and satellite or public

markets.¹ The Sangguniang Kabataan officials, on the other hand, help provide solutions to political, economic and social development issues in fulfillment of the vital and indispensable role of the youth in nation building at the grassroots level.

The proposed postponement will create an opportunity for the incumbent barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials to continue the programs and projects that have already commenced and further introduce subsequent or remedial interventions to ongoing reforms. To allow them continuity to pursue and implement their plans in their respective jurisdictions for one more year – thus completing their supposed three-year term as guaranteed under the law – I earnestly seek for this bill’s immediate approval.



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¹ Sec. 17, Republic Act No. 7160, An Act Providing for a Local Government Code of 1991.



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

1 Section 1. Republic Act No. 10952 is hereby further amended to read
2 as follows:

3 "Section 1. Date of Election. – There shall be synchronized
4 barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections, which shall be
5 held on July 15, 2002. Subsequent synchronized barangay and
6 sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the last
7 Monday of October 2007 and every three (3) years thereafter:
8 *Provided*, That the barangay and sangguniang kabataan
9 elections on October 23, 2017 shall be postponed to the second
10 Monday of May 2018. Subsequent synchronized barangay and
11 sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the second
12 Monday of May ~~2020~~ **2021** and every three (3) years
13 thereafter."

1 Sec. 2. *Hold Over.* – Until the successors shall have been duly elected
2 and qualified, all incumbent barangay officials shall remain in office, unless
3 sooner removed or suspended for cause.

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5 Sec. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).* – Within fifteen (15)
6 days from the effectivity of this Act, the Commission on Elections shall
7 promulgate rules and regulations and other issuances as may be necessary
8 to ensure its effective implementation.

9 The IRR issued pursuant to this Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
10 after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

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12 Sec. 4. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act is held invalid
13 or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain in
14 full force and effect.

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16 Sec. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders,
17 proclamations, rules and regulations, and issuances, or parts thereof which
18 are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended
19 or modified accordingly.

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21 Sec. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
22 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general
23 circulation.

24 Approved,