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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

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Date of Election.-- There shall be synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections, which shall be held on July 15, 2002. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the last Monday of October 2007 and

every three (3) years thereafter: *Provided*, That the barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections on October 23, 2017 shall be postponed to the second Monday of May 2018. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the [second Monday of May 2020] **SECOND MONDAY OF MAY 2023** and every [three (3) years] **ONE (1) YEAR FOLLOWING A NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS** thereafter."

SEC. 2. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 4. Assumption of Office. -- The term of office of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected under this Act shall commence at noon of June 30 next following their election: *Provided, however,* That the term of office of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected in the [May 2020] MAY 2023 elections and subsequently thereafter, shall commence at noon of June 30 next following their election."

- **SEC. 3.** Hold Over. Until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified, all incumbent barangay officials shall remain in office, unless sooner removed or suspended for cause: Provided, That barangay officials who are ex officio members of the Sangguniang Bayan, Sangguniang Panglungsod, or Sangguniang Panlalawigan, as the case may be, shall continue to serve as such members in the Sanggunian concerned until the next barangay election. The Liga ng mga Barangay at the municipal, city, and provincial levels shall, not later than July 31, 2023, conduct election for ex officio positions in the Sanggunians under the supervision of the Department of Interior and Local Government;
- **SEC. 4.** Appropriations. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be taken from the appropriations of the Commission on Elections

- 1 (COMELEC) under the General Appropriations Act and/or supplementary 2 appropriations thereafter.
- **SEC. 5.** Repealing Clause. All other laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are contrary to and inconsistent with any provision of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.
- SEC. 6. Separability Clause. If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.
 - **SEC. 7.** Effectivity. This Act shall take effect immediately following the completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette, or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,

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