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HOUSE BILL NO. 1193

Introduced by: **HON. JEFFREY P. FERRER**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

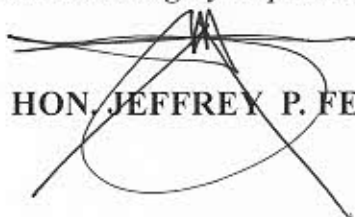
No dispute, election is very divisive and at the same time very expensive component of our democracy. The 2010 national and local elections had just been concluded with the National government spending at least billions of pesos just to ensure that the holding of the same be peaceful and credible.

As a result of the recently concluded elections, our country is in the midst of a crippling financial crisis. The National government's time and attention is now focused on this problem. The legislature is looking at all possible measures to raise revenues. The executive branch is putting up austerity measures to conserve public resources and lessen public expenditures.

In view thereof, holding the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections this October 2010 – as scheduled – is an electoral exercise that the country at this time can ill-afford considering the huge cost that it would entail. Hence, postponement of the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections will be more prudent thing to do. This would mean a lot of savings for the country's more basic needs without any manner disrupting the flow of services in the barangays.

In this context, the attached bill seeks to reset the scheduled Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections on the last Monday of October 2010 to the last Monday of October 2011, thereby amending for the purpose Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9340 otherwise known as "An Act amending Republic Act No. 9164, Resetting the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections, and for Other Purposes".

In view of the above, the approval of the proposed bill is highly requested.


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AN ACT

RESETTING THE DATE OF BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS TO THE LAST MONDAY OF OCTOBER 2011, THEREBY AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 1 OF REPUBLIC ACT 9340, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, RESETTING THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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

SECTION 1. *Section of Republic Act No. 9340 is hereby amended to read as follows:*

"SECTION 1. Date of Election – There shall be synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections which shall be on July 15, 2002. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the last Monday of October 2011 and every three (3) years thereafter."

SEC. 2. Repealing Clause – *All laws, decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.*

SEC. 3. Effectivity Clause – *This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.*
Approved.