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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City  

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1071  

Introduced by HON. LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO  

AN ACT POSTPONING THE MAY 2020 SYNCHRONIZED 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  

EXPLANATORY NOTE  

This proposed bill seeks to postpone and/or reset the upcoming Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (“SK”) elections from its original schedule in May 2020 to a later date in October 2022.  

Under the Local Government Code, the term of office of barangay officials and SK members should be for three (3) years. However, with the enactment of Republic Act No. 10952, the synchronized Barangay and SK elections were moved to the second Monday of May 2018.  

Unwittingly, the elected barangay and SK officials in 2018 are now constrained to serve for only a two-year term in stark contrast to the mandate of the Local Government Code and to the detriment of project and program implementation that would benefit the Filipino people. In order to rectify the shortened term of barangay and SK officials, it is imperative to postpone the upcoming May 2020 Barangay and SK Elections anew, which would extend their term to a more plausible term of four years.  

The four-year term for barangay and SK officials will be more coherent with the provisions of law and will ultimately redound to the effective allocation of resources and services towards nation-building. Thus, the upcoming May 2020 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections should be postponed and should be scheduled in October 2022.  

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.  

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended by Republic Act No. 9340,
Republic Act No. 10656, Republic Act No. 10923 and Republic Act No. 10952, 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 the second Monday of May
2020 shall be postponed to the last Monday of October 2022. Subsequent
synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the
last Monday of October 2025 and every three (3) years thereafter."

SEC. 2. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended by Republic Act No. 9340,
Republic Act No. 10923 and Republic Act No. 10952, is hereby further amended to read
as follows:

"SEC. 4. Assumption of Office. – The term of office of the barangay and
sangguniang kabataan officials elected under this Act shall commence at noon of
November 30 next following their election: Provided, however, That the term of
office of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected in the October
2022 Elections and subsequently thereafter, shall commence at noon of November
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.

SEC. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The COMELEC shall, within ninety (90) days
after the effectivity of this Act, promulgate such rules and regulations necessary to
implement this Act.
SEC. 5. Separability Clause. – If any provision or part hereof is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. Repealing Clause. – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. Effectivity – This Act shall take effect immediately after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,