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HOUSE BILL NO. 2483



Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTE


This bill provides for the postponement of the Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Elections scheduled on the second Monday of May 2020 to the second Monday of October 2022.

In October 2017, His Excellency, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed into law Republic Act No. 10952 which provided for the postponement of the scheduled October 23, 2017 barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections until the second Monday of May 2018. The term of office of both the barangay and SK officials elected under the aforementioned law commenced on June 30, 2018 or a term of office equivalent to two (2) years.

This bill seeks to address the truncated terms of office of the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials and allow them have a full five-year (5 year) term of office to finish the programs and projects. This bill is filed in response to the call of President Rodrigo R. Duterte in his 4th State of the Nation Address to postpone the Barangay and SK elections from May 2020 to October 2022.

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


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE MAY 2020
SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN
ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10952,
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Republic Act No. 10952, is hereby amended to
2 read as follows:

3 **“SEC. 1. Date of Election.** – There shall be synchronized
4 barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections, which shall
5 be held on July 15, 2002. Subsequent synchronized
6 barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held
7 on the last Monday of October 2007 and every three (3) years
8 thereafter: *Provided*, That the barangay and sangguniang
9 kabataan elections on October 23, 2017 shall be postponed
10 to the second Monday of May 2018. Subsequent
11 synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections
12 shall be held on the [second Monday of May 2020] **LAST**
13 **MONDAY OF OCTOBER 2022** and every three (3) years
14 thereafter.”

15 **SEC. 2.** Section 2 of Republic Act No. 10952, is hereby amended to read as
16 follows:

17 **“SEC. 4. Assumption of Office.** – The term of office of the
18 barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected under

1 this Act shall commence at noon of **NOVEMBER 30** next
2 following their election.[: *Provided, however,* That the term of
3 office of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials
4 elected in the May 2020 elections and subsequently
5 thereafter, shall commence at noon of June 30 next following
6 their elections.]”

7 **SEC. 3. Hold-over.** – Until their successors shall have been duly elected and
8 qualified, all incumbent barangay officials shall remain in office, unless
9 sooner removed or suspended for cause: *Provided,* That barangay officials
10 who are *ex officio* members of the sangguniang bayan, sangguniang
11 panlungsod, or sangguniang panlalawigan, as the case may be, shall
12 continue to serve as such members in the sanggunian concerned until the
13 next barangay election. The Liga ng mga Barangay at the municipal, city,
14 and provincial levels shall, not later than December 31, 2022, conduct
15 elections for *ex officio* positions in the sanggunians under the supervision of
16 the Department of the Interior and Local Government.

17 **SEC. 4. Appropriations.** – The budgetary allocation needed to carry out the
18 provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated in the General
19 Appropriations Act of the year immediately following its enactment into law.

20 **SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The Commission on
21 Elections shall promulgate the implementing rules and regulations
22 necessary to implement this Act.

23 **SEC. 6. Separability Clause.** – If any portion or provision of this Act is
24 declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not
25 affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

26 **SEC. 7. Repealing Clause.** – All other laws, acts, presidential decrees,
27 executive orders, issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and
28 regulations or parts thereof, which are contrary to and inconsistent with any
29 provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

30 **SEC. 8. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
31 its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in at least two (2) newspapers of
32 general circulation.