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**HOUSE BILL No. 2874**

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Introduced by: **REPRESENTATIVE JOCELYN F. FORTUNO**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**


One of the priority Legislative Agenda mentioned by President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, in his State of the Nation Address (SONA), is the resetting of the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections. As a concrete gesture to this urgent call of the President, this bill seeks to reset the synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections scheduled to be held on the Second Monday of May 2020 to the last Monday of October 2022.

The last Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan election was held on May 14, 2018 after several postponements that effectively extended the term of office of barangay officials by more than two (2) years. It is sad to note however, that when the election for barangay officials and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan was finally held on the said date, pursuant to Republic Act No. 10952, the term of office of the newly elected barangay officials and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan was shortened to only two (2) years. This is the first time ever in our election history that barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials would be serving for a very brief period.

The resetting of the Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections to the last Monday of October 2022 will not only allow the Filipino electorates to take a little longer pause before immersing themselves again into another political battle that will certainly disturb the peaceful condition at the local level. Our experience in so many past elections has shown time and again that barangay election cannot be totally insulated from the undue influence of partisan politics. Thus, it has caused divisiveness and has its share of some deplorable practices that trigger instances of violence among political leaders and supporters.

Moreover, the postponement of this political exercise will also generate savings of more than Six Billion Pesos (P6 Billion) according to the cost estimate presented by the COMELEC, which became the basis when Congress earmarked the same amount when it passed Republic Act No. 10952.

The foregoing reasons warrant the immediate approval of this bill.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**RESETTING THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN**  
**ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT No. 9164, AS**  
**AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACTS NUMBERED 9340, 10632, 10656, 10923 and**  
**10952, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*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 Acts Numbered 9340, 10632, 10656, 10923 and 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 years (3) years thereafter: *Provided,* That the 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] LAST Monday of [May] OCTOBER [2020] 2022 and every three (3) years thereafter..”

**SEC. 2.** Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended by 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 June 30 next following their elections: *Provided, however,* That The term of office of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected in the May 2020 elections and subsequently thereafter, shall commence at noon of [June 30] NOVEMBER 30 next following their election.”



**SEC. 3.** Section 3 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended by Republic Act No. 10952, regarding the hold over capacity of all incumbent barangay officials and sangguniang kabataan shall remain in force and effect.

**SEC. 4. Appropriations.** – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be taken from the appropriations of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) under the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

**SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations.** – The COMELEC shall issue the rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.

**SEC. 6. 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. 7. Separability Clause.** – If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected and thereby remain in full force and effect.

**SEC. 8. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*