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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3515

Introduced by Representative Michael L. Romero

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State recognizes the urgent need to rectify all the truncated concerns and issues involving the incoming synchronized **Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan** elections this May 2020.

There is a lot that is still to be resolved and finalized, before we conduct another round of Barangay and SK elections this May 2020. His Excellency himself, *President Rodrigo Roa Duterte* made the call, and urged both houses of congress to make the necessary actions.

This House Bill seeks to *postpone the May 2020 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections to October 2022.*

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT

**POSTPONING THE MAY 2020 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG
KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY – It is hereby a declared
that the;

Synchronized *Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections*
scheduled on the **second Monday of May 2020** shall be postponed
and therefore be held on the **second Monday of October 2022**.

SECTION 2. APPLICABILITY – The omnibus election code and
other prevailing election laws, shall apply to the *Barangay and Sangguniang
Kabataan* elections.

SECTION 3. ADMINISTRATION – The *Department of Interior and
Local Government together with the Commission on Elections* shall take charge in
the administration and safeguards of the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 4. HOLD OVER – All incumbent *Barangay officials and Sangguniang Kabataan officials* shall remain in office unless sooner removed or suspended for cause until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

The provisions of the Omnibus Election Code relative to the failure of elections and special elections are hereby reiterated in this Act.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATIONS — The amount of Two Billion pesos (**₱2,000,000,000.00**) necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act (**GAA**) of the year following its enactment into law.

The state shall hereby authorize the *Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and the Commission on Elections (COMELEC)* to re-align its appropriations, in the current year of the date of the effectivity of this Act to conform with its mandate and requirements.

SECTION 6. ROLE OF THE DILG – The Department of Interior and Local Government, shall be primarily responsible on matters involving the threats against the effective implementation of this Act.

The **DILG** shall, through information gathering and performance of its functions, support the **COMELEC** on matters involving operational and organizational concerns.

SECTION 7. ROLE OF THE COMELEC – The Commission on Elections, shall therefor be the lead government agency to conduct and promulgate the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 8. TRANSITORY PROVISION – existing offices and Local Government Units (LGUs) affected by the implementation of this Act shall be

given six (6) months transitory period from the effectivity of the IRR or such other period as may be determined, to comply with the requirements of this Act.

SECTION 9. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. – The departments and agencies charged with carrying out the provisions of this Act shall, within sixty (60) days after the effectivity of this Act, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 10. REPEALING CLAUSE. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 11. 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 thereby.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,