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HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Introduced by Representative GENARO M. ALVAREZ, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to postpone the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections scheduled to be held this May 2020 to October 2022 by amending Republic Act No. 10656. It was only last May 2018 wherein the country had a barangay elections. As mandated by Republic Act No. 10656, the subsequent election will be held on May 2020, giving incumbent barangay officials only 2 years to serve their constituents. The most paramount objective of this bill is to give incumbent officials enough time to plan and implement their projects and programs, considering that the barangay is the frontliner in government service. Postponing the said election will also enable government to save fiscal resources in favor of other vital and more pressing social programs since a huge budgetary requirement is needed to hold an election. These revenues may be allotted to deliver the basic services needed and more infrastructure projects that would further the development of our country.

In view of the foregoing considerations, the approval of this bill is strongly recommended.

GENARO M. ALVAREZ, JR.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3652

Introduced by Representative GENARO M. ALVAREZ, JR.

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

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 sanggunian 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 SCHEDULED ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF MAY 2020 SHALL BE POSTPONED TO THE SECOND MONDAY OF OCTOBER 2022. SUBSEQUENT SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS SHALL BE HELD EVERY THREE (3) YEARS THEREAFTER.*"

SEC. 2. Section 4 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 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 JUNE 30 NEXT FOLLOWING THEIR ELECTION."

SEC. 3. *Hold-over.* - Until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified, all incumbent barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials shall remain in office, unless sooner removed or suspended for cause.

SEC. 4. *Appropriations.* - The budgetary allocation necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the appropriations of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) under the General Appropriations Act of the year immediately following its enactment into law.

SEC. 5. *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. 6. *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. 7. *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. 8. *Effectivity* - This Act shall take effect immediately after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,