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9 **HOUSE BILL NO.** 905



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Introduced by REP. JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL

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14 **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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16 This bill seeks to postpone the May 2020 barangay and sangguniang
17 kabataan elections to October of 2021.

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19 Barangay officials are at the forefront of government service. These public
20 officials are crucial figureheads of the local communities. In light of the
21 importance of the leaders of the Philippine government's basic political unit,
22 the planned barangay elections must be properly conducted in order to give
23 our electorates the best opportunity to exercise their right of suffrage.

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25 Given the coordination costs and expense of organizing the elections, it is
26 suggested that we give the Commission on Elections and other involved
27 agencies additional time to further ensure credible and effective barangay
28 elections.

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30 For the aforementioned reasons, the undersigned submits this bill for
31 the consideration of this august body.

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14 **AN ACT POSTPONING THE MAY 2020 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG**
15 **KABATAAN ELECTIONS TO OCTOBER 2021, AMENDING FOR THIS**
16 **PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER**
17 **PURPOSES**
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19 *Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the*
20 *Philippines in Congress assembled:*
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22 **Section 1.** Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended by Republic Act
23 No. 9340, Republic Act No. 10632, Republic Act No. 10656, Republic Act
24 No. 10656, Republic Act No. 10923, and Republic Act No. 10952 is hereby
25 further amended to read as follows:
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27 "SECTION. 1. *Date of Election.* - There shall be synchronized barangay
28 and sangguniang kabataan elections, which shall be held on July 15,
29 2002. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan
30 elections shall be held on the last Monday of October 2007 and every
31 three (3) years thereafter: Provided, That the barangay and
32 sangguniang kabataan elections on October 27, 2017 shall be
33 postponed to the second Monday of May 2018. Subsequent
34 synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be
35 held on the second Monday of **OCTOBER 2021** [May 2020] and every
36 three (3) years thereafter."
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38 **Section 2.** Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended by Republic Act
39 No. 9340, Republic Act No. 10632, Republic Act No. 10656, Republic Act
40 No. 10656, Republic Act No. 10923, and Republic Act No. 10952 is hereby
41 further amended to read as follows:
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43 "SEC. 4. *Assumption Office.* - The term of office of the barangay and
44 sangguniang kabataan officials elected under this Act shall commence

1 at noon of June 30 next following their election: Provided, however,
2 That the term of office of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan
3 officials elected in the **OCTOBER 2021** [May 2020] elections and
4 subsequently thereafter, shall commence at noon of **NOVEMBER 30**
5 [June 30] next following their election."
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7 **Section 3. *Hold Over.*** - Until their successors shall have been duly elected
8 and qualified, all incumbent barangay officials shall remain in office, unless
9 sooner removed or suspended for cause.
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11 **Section 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** - The Commission on
12 Elections shall, within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act,
13 promulgate such rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.
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15 **Section 5. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, decrees, ordinances, rules or
16 regulations or parts thereof inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of
17 this Act are hereby expressly repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.
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19 **Section 6. *Separability Clause.*** - If for any reason any section or provision
20 of this Act is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or
21 provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full
22 force and effect.
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24 **Section 7. *Effectivity.*** - This Act shall become effective fifteen (15) days after
25 its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general
26 circulation.
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29 Approved.