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HOUSE BILL NO. 905

Introduced by REP. JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

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

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

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

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AN ACT POSTPONING THE MAY 2020 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS TO OCTOBER 2021, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED, 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 Act No. 9340, Republic Act. No. 10632, Republic Act No. 10656, 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 sangguniang 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 on October 27, 2017 shall be postponed to the second Monday of May 2018. Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the second Monday of OCTOBER 2021 [May 2020] and every three (3) years thereafter."

Section 2. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended by Republic Act No. 9340, Republic Act. No. 10632, Republic Act No. 10656, Republic Act No. 10656, Republic Act No. 10923, and Republic Act. No. 10952 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. Assumption 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 election: Provided, however, that the term of office of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected in the OCTOBER 2021 [May 2020] elections and subsequently thereafter, shall commence at noon of NOVEMBER 30 [June 30] next following their election."

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

Section 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The Commission on Elections shall, within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act, promulgate such rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.

Section 5. Repealing Clause. - All laws, decrees, ordinances, rules or regulations or parts thereof inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Act are hereby expressly repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Section 6. Separability Clause. - If for any reason any section or provision of this Act is declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 7. Effectivity. - This Act shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.