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HOUSE BILL NO. 10273



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Introduced by **HON. JOY MYRA S. TAMBUNTING**

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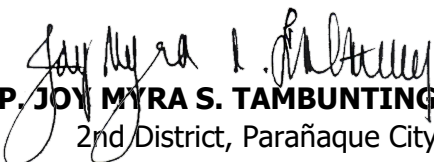
### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The right of the people to elect their leaders is a right afforded to them by the Constitution. It is the cornerstone of our democracy. It is the policy of government to encourage as many Filipino citizens to vote as possible.

The quarantine restrictions in the past 18 months have severely limited the ability of the Filipino people to register in preparation for the upcoming elections. Just for the year 2021, we have reverted to an Enhanced Community Quarantine restriction twice—making it more difficult for the people to register. Considering the limited number of people COMELEC Offices and satellite registration sites could accommodate, millions of Filipinos are now in danger of being unable to exercise their right to suffrage if the deadline for registration of voters is not extended. Congress must act now to ensure every eligible Filipino who wants to register and vote can do so.

In this regard, this measure proposes to extend the registration of voters for the 2022 National and Local Elections until 31 October 2021 to accommodate the registration of more Filipinos who want to exercise their right to vote in the upcoming elections.

On behalf of the people of Parañaque City's Second District, and for the common good of the Filipino people, the approval of the said measure is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**EXTENDING THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS FOR THE 2022 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS**

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

**SECTION 1. *Extension of Registration of Voters.*** – The registration of voters for the 2022 National and Local Elections is hereby extended to 31 October 2021.

**SEC. 2. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, memoranda, circulars, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 3. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect immediately after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*