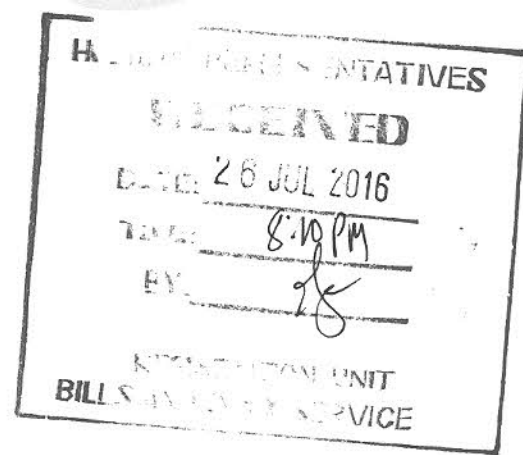


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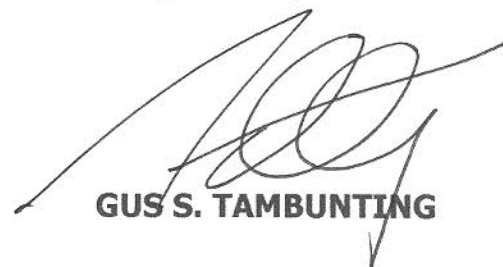
### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to change the term of office of all barangay officials from three (3) years to five (5) years, amending for the purpose Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code. The said extension is deemed necessary in order to ensure that the programs of the barangays are properly carried out.

The barangay is the smallest unit of the government. As defined by the Local Government Code, it serves as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects, and activities in the community, and as a forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and considered, and where disputes may be amicably settled.

However, because the three-year term, barangay officials rarely finish the programs they intend to accomplish at the start of their term because the major reforms in their barangays need more time to come into fruition. It becomes of paramount importance, therefore, that the term be extended to five years.

Moreover, the extension of the term of the barangay officials will greatly reduce the expenses used for local elections. With 42,036 barangays nationwide, holding of said elections costs the government a great deal of money, which if saved, can be put to use for other important government projects and programs.



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**AN ACT  
CHANGING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF ALL ELECTIVE BARANGAY OFFICIALS  
AND MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN FROM THREE (3) YEARS  
TO FIVE (5) YEARS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 43 OF  
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991**

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

SECTION 1. *Term of Office.* Section 43 of Republic Act No. 7160 as amended, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 43. Term of Office. (a) The term of all elective officials after the effectivity of this Code shall be three (3) years, starting from noon of June 30, 1992 or such date as maybe provided for by law, except that of elective barangay officials and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan. Provided, that all local officials first elected during the local elections immediately following the ratification of the 1987 Constitution shall serve until noon of June 30, 1992.

(b) No local elective official shall serve for more than three (3) consecutive terms in the same position. Voluntary renunciation of the office for any length of time shall not be considered as an interruption in the continuity of the service for the full term for which the elective official concerned was elected.

(c) The term of office of barangay officials and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan shall be for five (5) [three (3)], which shall begin after the SYNCHRONIZED regular election of barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials on the LAST [second] Monday of October 2016 [May 1997, Provided, that the Sangguniang Kabataan members who were elected in the May 1996 elections shall serve until the next regular election of barangay officials]

(d) NO BARANGAY ELECTIVE OFFICIAL SHALL SERVE FOR MORE THAN THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN THE SAME POSITION, PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT THE TERM OF OFFICE SHALL BE RECKONED FROM THE SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS HELD ON THE LAST MONDAY OF OCTOBER 2007. VOLUNTARY RENUNCIATION OF THE OFFICE FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED AS AN INTERRUPTION IN THE CONTINUITY OF THE SERVICE FOR THE FULL TERM FOR WHICH THE ELECTIVE OFFICIAL CONCERNED WAS ELECTED.

SECTION 2. *Synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections.* The synchronized barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections shall be held, as scheduled, on the last Monday of October 2016. Subsequent synchronized barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections shall be held every five (5) years thereafter.

SECTION 3. *Repealing Clause.* Republic Act No. 9164, as amended by Republic Act No. 9340, Republic Act No. 10742 and all laws, rules and regulations, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,