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HOUSE BILL NO. 1326

Introduced by: **HON. "KUYA" JOSE ANTONIO R. SY-ALVARADO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Data released by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) on March 1, 2018 reported that drug-affected barangays increase from 49.65% or 20,872 barangays to 58.10% or 24,424 out of 42,036.

Barangay officials are important leaders being the closest government officials to the people. The Barangay Captain is the only public official that exercise executive, legislative and judicial powers. Being the Punong Barangay, he exercises powers, as chairman of the Sangguniang Barangay, he exercises legislative powers, and as chairman of the Lupong Tagapamayapa, he wields judicial powers. Furthermore, a barangay has vast sources of funds including its share in the national revenue and the real property taxes.

No one can deny that Narco-politics exists in the country and it is harsh reality that some Barangay officials are into illegal drug trade, either as protectors, pushes or users. Given the significance of barangays and barangay leadership in national development and transformation, prohibiting "Narco-Poloticians" from joining the barangay officials is a necessary action that must be prioritized by the Government.

Hence, the proposal to include any person who has pending case for violation of the Comprehensive Dangerous Drug Act 2002 as a ground for disqualification of candidates vying for Barangay Captain, Councilor and Board Member positions until the case is dismissed.

The passage of this bill is therefore most earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT TO DISQUALIFY PERSONS WITH PENDING CASES VIOLATING THE
COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002 IN BARANGAY
ELECTIONS**

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

SECTION 1. Short title. This Act shall be known “Disqualification of Narco-Politicians in Barangay Elections Act”

SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy. All Narco-Politicians with pending cases for violation of Dangerous Drugs Act in hereby disqualified in the Barangay Elections until their cases are dismissed or they obtain clearance from DILG stating that they are wrongfully accused and not considered as Narco-Politicians.

Mandatory drug testing with blood testing as method will also be implemented for all candidates of Barangay positions.

SECTION 3. Implementing Rules and Regulation. – Within sis (6) months from the effectively of this Act, the COMELEC shall, in coordination with the PDEA, promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause – all laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulation or parts thereof inconsistent with or contrary to the provisions of this Act are hereby repeated or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. Separability Clause. – If any part or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. Effectively. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following completion of its publication in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

