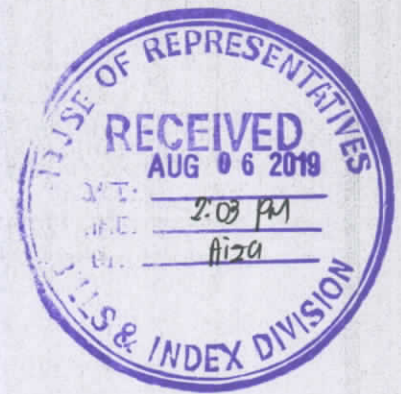


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HOUSE BILL NO. 3500

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

AN ACT POSTPONING THE MAY 2020 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS TO OCTOBER 2022, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10952, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10632, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10923, AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10952, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Role of the Barangay, according to the Local Government Code of the Philippines Book III Chapter 1 Sec. 384, as the basic political unit, 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.

The Barangay is structured and functioning as a small unit of government in our country with an elected Punong Barangay, a Sangguniang Barangay consisting of seven elected members and the Sangguniang Kabataan Chairman, and a separate appointive secretary and an appointive treasurer. Barangay officials are deemed persons in authority in their respective jurisdiction, hence, they are mandated to maintain public order and ensure the protection of life, liberty and property.

Statistics provided by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) shows that, as of June 30, 2019, there are 42,045 barangays in the country (Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), 2019)¹.

Our existing barangay system, if properly utilized with great efficiency, can provide great benefits to the country in molding the desired cultural and social character of the Filipino.

But the supposed three-year term, as mandated by the law, of the incumbent barangay officials that were elected last May 14, 2018, was cut down to two years. In order to completely harness the powerful shaping force vested in the Barangay, we must provide them with the ample time to finish their programs and projects.

Thus, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

SECTION 1. – Section 1 of Republic Act No. 10952 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Sec.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 23, 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 ~~2020~~ **2022** and every three (3) years thereafter.”

SECTION 2. *Hold Over* – Until the successors shall have been duly elected and qualified, all incumbent barangay officials shall remain in office, unless sooner removed or suspended for cause.

SECTION 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Commission on Elections within ninety (90) days after the effectivity of this Act, shall promulgate such rules and regulations necessary to implement this Act.

SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All law, 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 5. *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 hereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. *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,