

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1346**



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**Introduced by Rep. Precious Hipolito Castelo**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The role of every senior citizen in the overall affairs of the Sangguniang Bayan cannot be gainsaid.

The Constitution holds true that sovereignty resides in the people and all government authority emanates from them. It follows from this declaration that the senior citizens as an important segment of the population do possess this empowerment and more so entitlement to share their wisdom, judgment, and appreciation to the multifarious concerns of the *Sangguniang Bayan* and the very community of which they form part.

This humble measure is committed to the view that in nearly all the state policies as enshrined in the Constitution, senior citizens probably enjoy a higher and better understanding of self-determination, social order, promotion of social justice, dignity of the human person, sanctity of family life, role of youth, right to health of the people, education, development, public service and the like.

It is the intention of this bill to harness the role and importance of senior citizens in the overall objective of nation building at least because we find in every senior citizen that rare gift of wisdom that provides long-term solutions to most of our problems.

The swift passage of this bill is most earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**ALLOWING SENIOR CITIZENS TO SERVE AS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE**  
**SANGGUNIANG BAYAN THEREBY AMENDING PERTINENT PROVISION IN THE**  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. A senior citizen is hereby allowed to serve as representative to the Sangguniang Bayan thereby amending pertinent provision in the Local Government Code.

SEC. 2. All issuances, laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof not consistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*