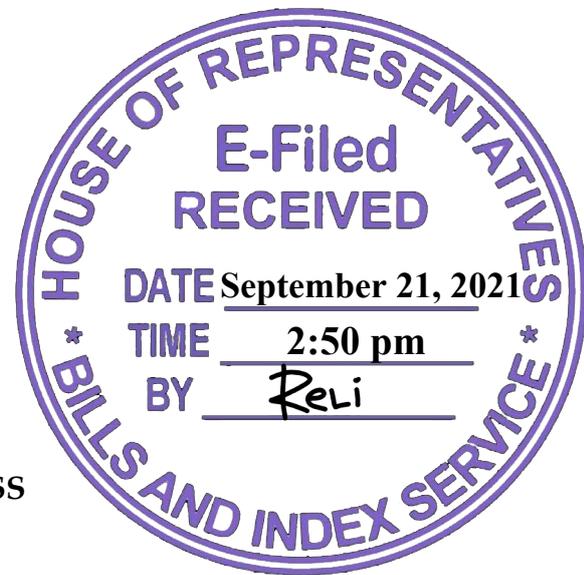




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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The conduct of regular elections are crucial events in the life of a democratic nation. At present, we are less than three hundred sixty-five (365) days from the 2022 National Elections, where every qualified Filipino will be able to cast a ballot and vote for the next leaders of our country. As a basic precept of democracy, each of our kababayans must be given the utmost and widest opportunity to participate in the electoral process.

For all intents and purposes, registration of new voters would have been an ordinary concern. But we are living under extraordinary circumstances. The public health crisis has been prolonged and many prospective voters have been forced to delay their registration this year and in 2020.

At a time of uncertainty, each and every office of the government is tasked to be flexible and alert. In order to avoid massive voter disenfranchisement, the Commission on Elections must extend the period for voter registration until 31 October 2021. This is also to give leeway to Filipinos whose registration were delayed because of the prevailing circumstances.

In view of the foregoing, the urgent passage of this bill 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circulars, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.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,