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HOUSE BILL NO. 10425



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Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE JOEL MAYO Z. ALMARIO**

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The global effects of the Covid-19 pandemic are expected to stay for a few more years. It is still uncertain as to exactly when it can be contained as medical and scientific studies in search for the lasting treatments are still ongoing. Meanwhile, economies across the world continue to suffer.

The Philippines is not spared from the worldwide woes brought by the pandemic. Both the public and the private sectors are direly affected.

On the other hand, the country will be having its May 9, 2022 National and Local Elections as a constitutional requirement. This election will usher in new set of public officials nationwide. Notwithstanding the results of the election, there will still be an urgent need to continue addressing the needs of the Filipinos to fully cope from the adverse effects of the pandemic.

It is along this line that this bill is filed to postpone the December 5, 2022 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections, as mandated by Republic Act 9164 as amended, to May 6, 2024.

The resulting extended term of the current barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials will provide the fresh set of national and local officials, elected only in May 9, 2022, a mechanism of continuity in the ongoing fight against the pandemic. The country cannot afford to have all new leaders in 2022, from the President of the Republic down to the last Sangguniang Kabataan official, as doing so will add more pressure to the efficient delivery of governmental services. Our collective lead against the pandemic may be threatened of sliding back.

Needless to say, this bill, if enacted into law, will usher in “the energy of the new (the newly elected national and local officials) and the wisdom of the old (the barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials).

Barangay officials are effectively the frontliners in the delivery of basic government services. They are the foot soldiers of the Executive. They are primarily responsible for disseminating relevant and vital information from the national government. They serve as the backbone and the first line of defense of local governance.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**POSTPONING THE DECEMBER 2022 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG**  
**KABATAAN ELECTIONS TO MAY 6, 2024, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE**  
**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340,**  
**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10632, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656, REPUBLIC ACT NO.**  
**10923, REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10952 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11462, AND FOR**  
**OTHER PURPOSES**

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

1 **SECTION. 1.** Section 1 of Republic Act 9164, as amended, is hereby further  
2 amended to read as follows:  
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4                   “SECTION 1. *Date of Elections.* - There shall be a  
5 synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan  
6 elections, which shall be held on July 15, 2002.  
7 Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang  
8 kabataan elections shall be held on the last Monday of  
9 October 2007 and every three (3) years thereafter:  
10 *Provided, That* the barangay and sangguniang kabataan  
11 elections on the second Monday of May 2020 shall be  
12 postponed to the first Monday of May 2024. Subsequent  
13 synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan  
14 elections shall be held on the second Monday of May  
15 2027 and every three (3) years thereafter.”  
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17 **SEC. 2.** Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended is hereby further amended  
18 to read as follows:  
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20                   “SEC. 4. *Assumption of Office.* - The term of office of the  
21 barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected

22 under this Act shall commence at noon of June 30 next  
23 following their election: *Provided, however,* That the term  
24 of office of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan  
25 officials elected in the May 6, 2024 elections and  
26 subsequently thereafter, shall commence at noon of July  
27 1 next following their elections.”  
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29 **SEC. 3. *Hold-Over.*** – Until their successors shall have been duly elected and  
30 qualified, all incumbent barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials shall remain  
31 in office, unless sooner removed or suspended for cause: *Provided,* That barangay  
32 and sangguniang kabataan officials who are ex-officio members of the  
33 sangguniang bayan, sangguniang panlungsod, or sangguniang panlalawigan, as  
34 the case may be, shall continue to serve until the next barangay and sangguniang  
35 kabataan elections.  
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37 **SEC. 4. *Appropriations.***—The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act  
38 shall be taken from the appropriations of the Commission on Elections  
39 (COMELEC) under the General Appropriations Act and/or supplementary  
40 appropriations thereafter.  
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42 **SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.***—All other laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive  
43 orders, issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts  
44 thereof, which are contrary to and inconsistent with this any provision of this Act,  
45 are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.  
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47 **SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.***—If any part, section or provision of this Act shall be  
48 held invalid or unconstitutional, the rest of the provisions not be affected thereby  
49 shall remain in force and effect.  
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51 **SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.***—This Act shall take effect immediately following the  
52 completion of its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of  
53 general circulation.  
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55 *Approved.*

