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## **AN ACT**

POSTPONING THE DECEMBER 2022 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, 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:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 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 the [second Monday of May 2020]

FIFTH DAY OF DECEMBER 2022 shall be postponed to [December 5, 2022] THE SECOND MONDAY OF DECEMBER 2023.

Subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections shall be held on the [first Monday of December 2025]

SECOND MONDAY OF MAY 2026 and every three (3) years thereafter."

SEC. 2. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9164, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 4. Assumption of Office. — The term of office of the barangay and sangguniang kabatan officials elected under this Act shall commence at noon of June 30 next following their election: Provided, however, That the term of office of the barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials elected in the [December 5, 2022] DECEMBER 2023 elections and subsequently thereafter, shall commence at noon of January 1 next following their election: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN OFFICIALS ELECTED IN THE MAY 2026 ELECTIONS AND SUBSEQUENTLY THEREAFTER, SHALL COMMENCE AT NOON OF JUNE 30 NEXT FOLLOWING THEIR ELECTION."

SEC. 3. *Hold-Over.* – Until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified, all incumbent barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials shall remain in office, unless sooner removed or suspended for cause: *Provided,* That barangay and sangguniang kabataan officials who are *ex officio* members of the sangguniang bayan, sangguniang panlungsod, or sangguniang panlalawigan, as the case may be, shall continue to serve as such members in the sanggunian concerned until the next barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections.

SEC. 4. *Appropriations*. –The amount necessary for the implementation of this
Act shall be taken from the appropriations of the Commission on Elections under the
General Appropriations Act and/or supplementary appropriations thereafter: *Provided,*That the additional budget for the barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections to
be held on the second Monday of December 2023 shall not exceed fifteen percent
(15%) of the budget allocation for the postponed December 5, 2022 barangay and
sangguniang kabataan elections.

SEC. 5. *Audit Report.* – The Commission on Audit shall submit to Congress an audit report on the budget used for the postponed December 5, 2022 barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All other laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are contrary to and inconsistent with any provision of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. Separability Clause. – If any portion or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect immediately following the completion of its publication either in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,