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Introduced by Senator Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 13 of the Constitution provides that "the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs". Pursuant thereto, the Local Government Code of 1991, specifically under Book III, Chapters 8-10 thereof, had mandated the creation of a Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) and provides for its structure, the qualifications and term of office, the powers and duties, as well as the privileges of its officers.

However, there is a general observation that the SK under the present structure has lost its effectiveness in advancing the democratic ideals of service-oriented youth leadership. There are reports that the SK leaders have become so politicized, and susceptible to dishonest practices in handling public funds that are entrusted to them for the projects and programs intended for the welfare of their constituents. As a result, there are strong clamor from different sectors of the society calling for the restructuring and/or in-depth evaluation of the SK, and institute reforms therein. In fact, the National Youth Commission (NYC) has passed Resolution No. 18, series of 2013 expressing its "support for the postponement of the October 2013 Sangguniang Kabataan elections to give Congress time to legislate substantial reforms before the voting of new SK officials."

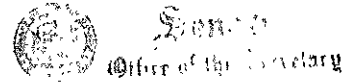
The proposed measure seeks to cancel the scheduled Sangguniang Kabataan elections on October 28, 2013 as the purpose of the said elections had become almost meaningless unless reforms are introduced in the structure, accountability, and other aspect of governance of the present Sangguniang Kabataan.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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**AN ACT TO POSTPONE THE SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS ON
OCTOBER 28, 2013, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 1 OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 9340, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representative of the
Philippines in congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9340 is hereby 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 SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN
ELECTIONS ON OCTOBER 28, 2013 SHALL BE POSTPONED TO THE NEXT
SYNCHRONIZED BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS
UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.**"

SECTION. 2. *Hold Over.* - All incumbent sangguniang kabataan officials
shall remain in office unless sooner removed or suspended for cause until their
successors shall have been elected and qualified. *Provided, however,* that all
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 sangguniang kabataan elections.

SECTION 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Commission on Elections and the Department of Interior and Local Government shall promulgate such rules and regulations necessary within thirty (30) days after its effectivity to implement this Act.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect immediately after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,