

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 11382



Introduced by Hon. Ferdinand R. Marcos II

AN ACT EXTENDING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF
ALL INCUMBENT SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN OFFICIALS UP TO 1997,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 532 (A) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 532(a) of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 mandates that the first elections for the Sangguniang Kabataan to be conducted under this Code shall be held thirty (30) days after the next local elections, provided, that the regular elections for the Sangguniang Kabataan shall be held one hundred twenty (120) days after the barangay elections to be held on the second Monday of May 1994, as provided in Sec. 43(c) of the Code.

Last December 4, 1992, the first elections for the Sangguniang Kabataan was held, except in the City of Manila, the province of Bulacan and in some other areas.

Around 280,000 Sangguniang Kabataan officials elected in 41,000 barangays nationwide last December 4, 1992 shall in effect hold office for a period of only one (1) year and nine (9) months or only up to August 1994 which is one hundred twenty (120) days after May 1994.

The one (1) year and nine (9) months term of office of incumbent Sangguniang Kabataan officials is due to this administration's ineptness in conducting the first elections on time.

The incumbent Sangguniang Kabataan officials are currently still undergoing training and learning their responsibilities and functions as elected local officials.

The one (1) year nine (9) months term of incumbent Sangguniang Kabataan officials is proving to be an insufficient period to conduct and implement their campaign promises and programs of action.

To hold the scheduled elections on August 1994 will violate Section 429 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 which provides that the term of office of the Sangguniang Kabataan officials shall be for a period of three (3) years.

To hold the elections as scheduled on August 1994 will only make our youth preoccupied with campaigning and winning elections without proper regard for the duties and responsibilities of public service their elected position confers upon their shoulders.

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

SECTION 1. Section 532(a) of the Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise
known as the Local Government Code of 1991, is hereby amended to
read as follows:

"SEC. 532 Elections for the Sangguniang Kabataan.

(a) The first elections for the Sangguniang Kabataan to be
conducted under this Code shall be held thirty (30) days after
the next local elections. PROVIDED, THAT THE TERM OF OFFICE OF
ALL INCUMBENT SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN OFFICIALS ELECTED UNDER
THIS CODE SHALL BE EXTENDED UP TO THE NEXT ELECTIONS TO BE
HELD ONE HUNDRED TWENTY (120) DAYS AFTER THE BARANGAY
ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF MAY 1997
Provided, FURTHER, that the regular elections for the
Sangguniang Kabataan shall be held one hundred twenty (120) days
after the barangay elections thereafter.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect immediately after its
publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.