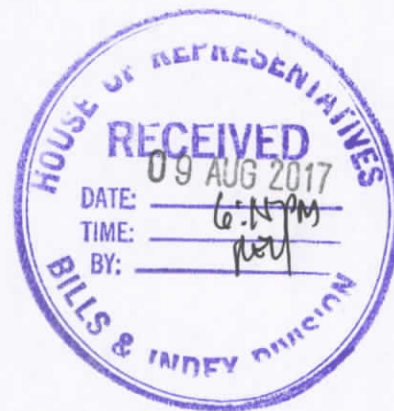


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HOUSE BILL NO. 6180



Introduced by **HON. JOSE ANTONIO “KUYA JONATHAN” R. SY-ALVARADO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Data released by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) in July 2017 showed that 49.65% or 20,872 of the 42,036 barangays in the country are affected by illegal drugs. This is a pressing concern for the smallest political unit in the Philippines where the planning for national development should start.

Barangay officials are important leaders being the closest government officials to the people. The Barangay Captain is the only public official that exercises executive, legislative and judicial powers. Being the Punong Barangay, he exercises executive powers, as chairman of the Sangguniang Barangay, he exercises legislative powers, and as chairman of the Lupong Tagapamayapa, he wields judicial powers. Furthermore, a barangay has vast sources of funds including its share in the national revenue and the real property taxes.

No one can deny that Narco-politics exists in the country and it is a harsh reality that some Barangay officials are into illegal drug trade, either as protectors, pushers or users. Given the significance of barangays and barangay leadership in national development and transformation, prohibiting “Narco-Politicians” from joining the barangay officials is a necessary action that must be prioritized by the Government.

Hence, the proposal to include any person who has pending case for violation of the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002 as a ground for disqualification of candidates vying for Barangay Captain, Councilor and Board Member positions until the case is dismissed.

The passage of this bill is therefore most earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT TO DISQUALIFY PERSONS WITH PENDING CASES VIOLATING THE
COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002 IN BARANGAY ELECTIONS**

Be it enacted by the House of Representatives and in session assembled that:

Section 1. Short title. This Act shall be known “Disqualification of Narco-Politicians in Barangay Elections Act”.

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. All Narco-Politicians with pending cases for violation of Dangerous Drugs Act is hereby disqualified in the Barangay Elections until their cases are dismissed or they obtain clearance from DILG stating that they are wrongfully accused and not considered as Narco Politicians.

Mandatory drug testing with blood testing as method will also be implemented for all candidates of Barangay positions.

Section 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within six (6) months from the effectively of this Act, the COMELEC shall, in coordination with the PDEA, promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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

Section 5. Separability Clause. - If any part or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

Section 6. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following completion of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.

