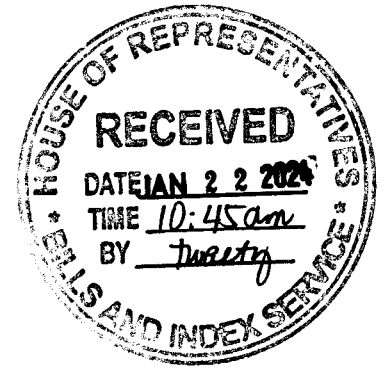


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**HOUSE BILL NO. 9798**



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***Introduced by Rep. Ray T. Reyes***

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to include senior citizens as sectoral representatives in the *Sanggunian*, by amending Republic Act (RA) No. 7160, otherwise known as the "*Local Government Code of 1991*."


Pursuant to Section 4, Article XV of the 1987 Constitution, it is the duty of the family to care for its elderly members, but the State may also do so through social security programs. Consistent with this constitutional provision, laws have been passed to take care of the elderly members of the society, such as RA 7432, as amended by RA 9994, otherwise known as the "*Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010*."

Besides providing care for the elderly, RA 9994 fully supports the improvement of the total well-being of the elderly and their full participation in society. This measure accords senior citizens the recognition due them as an integral part of society.

At present the senior citizen sector is considered as one of the most organized sectors in the country and as one of the pillars in nation building. With their immense experience, knowledge and wisdom, senior citizens deserve to be heard and be given the chance to participate in governance and policy formulation. They can propose projects and programs beneficial to the senior citizens, their families and the general public.

With this proposed measure, senior citizens in the country are accorded the opportunity to have mandatory sectoral representation in the local legislative council, particularly in the *sangguniang bayan*, *sangguniang panlungsod*, and *sangguniang panlalawigan*, take an active role in local legislation and governance, and institutionalize their voice in the local *sanggunian*.

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

  
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**AN ACT**  
**PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION OF SENIOR CITIZENS AS SECTORAL**  
**REPRESENTATIVES IN THE SANGGUNIAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE**  
**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL**  
**GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED**

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 446 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 446. *Composition.* – (a) The *sangguniang bayan*, the legislative body of the municipality, shall be composed of the municipal vice-mayor as the presiding officer, the regular *sanggunian* members, the president of the municipal chapter of the *liga ng mga barangay*, the president of the *pambayang pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan*, and the sectoral representatives, as members.

“(b) in addition thereto, there shall be ~~{three (3)}~~ **FOUR (4)** sectoral representatives: one (1) from the women; and as shall be determined by the *sanggunian* concerned within (90) days prior to the holding of local elections, one (1) from the agricultural or industrial workers; **ONE (1) FROM SENIOR CITIZENS, WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR, AS HEAD OF THE OFFICE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AFFAIRS;** and one (1) from other sectors including the urban poor, indigenous cultural communities, or disabled persons.”

**SECTION 2.** Section 457 of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 457. *Composition.* – (a) The *sangguniang panlungsod*, the legislative body of the city, shall be composed of the city vice-mayor as presiding officer, the regular *sanggunian* members, the president of the city chapter of the *liga ng mga barangay*, the president of the *panlungsod na pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan*, and the sectoral representatives, as members.

“(b) In addition thereto, there shall be ~~{three-(3)}~~ **FOUR (4)** sectoral representatives: one (1) from the women; and as shall be determined by the *sanggunian* concerned within ninety (90) days prior to the holding of the local elections, one(1) from the agricultural or industrial workers; **ONE (1) FROM THE SENIOR CITIZENS, WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE CITY MAYOR, AS HEAD OF THE OFFICE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AFFAIRS;** and one (1) from the other sectors, including the urban poor, indigenous cultural communities, or disabled persons.”

**SECTION 3.** Section 467 of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 467. *Composition.* – (a) The *sangguniang panlalawigan*, the legislative body of the province, shall be composed of the provincial vice-governor as presiding officer, the regular *sanggunian* members, the president of the provincial chapter of the *liga ng mga barangay*, the president of the *panlalawigang pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan*, the president of the provincial federation of *sanggunian* members of municipalities and component cities and the sectoral representatives as members.

“(b) In addition thereto, there shall be ~~{three-(3)}~~ **FOUR (4)** sectoral representatives: one (1) from the women; and as shall be determined by the *sanggunian* concerned within ninety (90) days prior to the holding of the local elections, one (1) from the agricultural or industrial workers; **ONE (1) FROM SENIOR CITIZENS, WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR FROM AMONG THOSE NOMINATED BY THE FEDERATION OF SENIOR CITIZENS’ ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES IN THE PROVINCE;** and one (1) from other sectors including the urban poor, indigenous cultural communities or disabled persons.”

**SECTION 4.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*