



Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS
Intramuros, Manila

**RULES AND REGULATIONS
IMPLEMENTING REPUBLIC
ACT NO. 12232,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN
ACT SETTING THE TERM OF
OFFICE OF BARANGAY
OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS
OF THE SANGGUNIANG
KABATAAN, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES".**

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RESOLUTION NO. 11207

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 12232, otherwise known as "An Act Setting the Term of Office of Barangay Officials and Members of the Sangguniang Kabataan, and for Other Purposes," provides for the term of office of all elected barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan to four (4) years;

WHEREAS, the said Act postpones the holding of the December 01, 2025 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections and moved it to the first Monday of November 2026 and every four (4) years thereafter;

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the said Act directs the Commission on Elections to promulgate necessary rules and regulations for its implementation, within ninety (90) days from its effectivity.

NOW, THEREFORE, the COMELEC, by virtue of the powers vested in it by the Constitution, the Omnibus Election Code, Republic Act (R.A.) No. 8189¹, R.A. No. 6679², and R.A. No. 6646³, and other related laws has **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to promulgate the following Rules and Regulations.

¹ An Act Providing for a General Registration of Voters, Adopting a System of Continuing Registration, Prescribing the Procedures Thereof and Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds Therefor

² An Act to Amend Republic Act No. 6653 to Postpone the Barangay Elections to March 28, 1989, Prescribing Additional Rules Governing the Conduct of Barangay Elections and for Other Purposes.

³ An Act Introducing Additional Reforms in the Electoral System and for Other Purposes

RULE I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. Title. – These Rules and Regulations shall be known and cited as the, *“Implementing Rules and Regulations (“IRR”) of Republic Act No. 12232, otherwise known as An Act Setting the Term of Office of Barangay Officials and Members of the Sangguniang Kabataan, and for Other Purposes.”*

Section 2. Purpose. – These Rules are hereby promulgated to prescribe the procedures and guidelines for the implementation of R.A. No. 12232 to facilitate and ensure full compliance with its standards and ultimately achieve its intentions and objectives.

Section 3. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the State to guarantee equal access to opportunities for public service and uphold the constitutional right of the Filipino people to suffrage. The Commission is committed to ensuring a free, orderly, honest, peaceful, credible, and informed conduct of the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections.

Section 4. Scope and Coverage. – This IRR shall apply to all barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) officials elected pursuant to Republic Act No. 12232. It shall likewise apply to incumbent barangay and SK officials serving at the time of its effectivity and throughout the election cycle, including those who continue to serve in a holdover capacity under Section 4 of Republic Act No. 12232 until their duly elected and qualified successors assume office, unless sooner removed or suspended for cause.

This IRR shall further govern the conduct of elections for said officials and shall cover matters relating to their term of office, as well as all other matters necessarily incidental or connected thereto.

RULE II DEFINITION OF TERMS

Section 5. – For purposes of these Rules, the following definition of terms are hereby adopted:

Act – shall refer to Republic Act No. 12232, otherwise known as “An Act Setting the Term of Office of Barangay Officials and Members of the Sangguniang Kabataan and for Other Purposes”;

Barangay Official – shall refer to an elected individual in the barangay as defined by the Local Government Code;

Commission – shall refer to the Commission on Elections (COMELEC);

Consecutive Terms – shall refer to successive terms of service in the same position without an interruption recognized by law;

Full Term – shall refer to a complete service period of an elected official from the date of assumption of office until the date of expiration of the term without an interruption recognized by law;

Incumbent – shall refer to those currently holding barangay elective offices;

Same Position – shall refer to the identical elective office previously held by the official concerned; and

Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) – shall refer to the council that represent the interests of the youth within the barangay.

RULE III TERM OF OFFICE

Section 6. *Term of Office.* – The term of office of all elected Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan officials shall be four (4) years.

Section 6.1. *Term Limit; Barangay Officials* – No elective barangay official shall serve for more than three (3) consecutive terms in the same position.

Section 6.2. *Term Limit; Sanggunian Kabataan* – No elective Sangguniang Kabataan official shall serve for more than one (1) term in the same position.

Section 6.3. *Voluntary Renunciation* – Voluntary renunciation of service for any length shall not be considered as an interruption in the continuity of service for the full term for which the elective official was elected.

RULE IV ELECTION AND ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE

Section 7. *Date of Election.* – The next regular Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan elections shall be held on the first Monday of November 2026 and every four (4) years thereafter.

Section 8. *Assumption of Office.* – The term of office of barangay officials and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan elected after the effectivity of this Act shall commence on the first day of December next following their election.

RULE V HOLD-OVER AND TRANSITORY PROVISION

Section 9. *Hold-Over Capacity.* – All incumbent barangay officials and members of the Sangguniang Kabataan shall remain in office unless sooner

removed or suspended for cause until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

Section 10. *Transitory provision.* – Incumbent elective barangay officials serving their third consecutive term in the same position shall not be eligible to run for the same position in the November 2026 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections.

Section 10.1. *Determination of Third Consecutive Term for Purposes of Section 5.* – The determination of whether an incumbent elective barangay official is serving a third consecutive term in the same position as of the November 2026 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections shall be based primarily on official COMELEC records of proclamation and assumption of office for the immediately preceding barangay elections, and such other competent evidence as may be required in appropriate proceedings.

Section 10.2. *Application of Section 5.* – The disqualification under Section 5 of Republic Act No. 12232 applies only to incumbent elective barangay officials who, as of the November 2026 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections, are serving three (3) consecutive terms in the same barangay position and who seek election to the same barangay position in said Elections.

Section 10.3. *Non-Applicability of Section 5.* – Section 5 of the Act shall not apply to Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) officials. Accordingly, incumbent SK officials elected during the October 30, 2023 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections may seek re-election to the same position in the November 2, 2026 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections, provided that they possess all the required qualifications and are not subject to any disqualification at the time of filing of their certificates of candidacy.

RULE VI FINAL PROVISIONS

Section 11. *Separability Clause.* – If any portion or provision of this IRR, or application thereof to any circumstance, is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the other portions or provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 12. *Repealing Clause.* – Any rules inconsistent with these Implementing Rules and Regulations shall be deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

Section 13. *Publication.* – The Commission shall ensure that this Implementing Rules and Regulations is published in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation to inform the public and relevant stakeholders.

Section 14. Effectivity. – This IRR shall take effect immediately upon publication as required by law.

Let the Executive Director implement this Resolution.

SO ORDERED.

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