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INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMEN AQUINO (H. S.), MONFORT,
AQUINO (A.), BAGATSING (R.), JR. AND YAP (J.)

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION FORTY-TWO OF BATAS
PAMBANSA BLG. 337, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CODE, BY REDUCING THE MINIMUM AGE OF
THE DIFFERENT ELECTIVE LOCAL OFFICIALS
MENTIONED THEREIN

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 42 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 337
- 2 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 3 "SEC. 42. *Qualifications.* — (1) An elective local
- 4 official must be a citizen of the Philippines, [at least twenty-
- 5 three years of age on election day,] a qualified voter
- 6 registered as such in the barangay, municipality, city or
- 7 province where he proposes to be elected, a resident therein
- 8 for at least one year at the time of the filing of his certificate
- 9 of candidacy, and able to read and write English, FILIPINO
- 10 [Pilipino], or any other local language or dialect.
- 11 "(2) CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITIONS OF

1 GOVERNOR, VICE-GOVERNOR, OR MEMBER OF THE
2 *SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN* MUST BE AT LEAST
3 TWENTY-THREE YEARS OF AGE ON ELECTION DAY.

4 “(3) CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITIONS OF
5 MAYOR OR VICE-MAYOR MUST BE AT LEAST
6 TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE ON ELECTION DAY.

7 “(4) CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITIONS OF MEM-
8 BER OF THE *SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD* OR MEM-
9 BER OF THE *SANGGUNIANG BAYAN* MUST BE AT
10 LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE ON ELECTION DAY.
11 IF ELECTED AS A MEMBER OF THE *SANGGUNIANG*
12 *PANLUNGSOD* OR *SANGGUNIANG BAYAN*, THE MEM-
13 BER SHALL BE QUALIFIED TO FILL ANY TEMPORARY
14 OR PERMANENT VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF
15 MAYOR OR VICE-MAYOR PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 2,
16 TITLE TWO OF THIS CODE: *PROVIDED*, THAT SAID
17 MEMBER IS AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE
18 AT THE TIME OF HIS SUCCESSION.

19 “[2] (5) Candidates for the position of *punong*
20 *barangay* or member of the *sangguniang barangay* must
21 be AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE ON ELECTION
22 DAY AND actual residents in the *barangay* where they
23 propose to be elected.

24 “[3] (6) A candidate for chairmanship of the *kabata-*
25 *ang barangay* OR ORGANIZATION TO REPLACE THE

1 SAME [need not be of the minimum age required in this
2 section] MUST BE AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS BUT
3 NOT MORE THAN TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE ON
4 ELECTION DAY.”

5 SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,



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