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Explanatory Note

The barangay, the smallest political unit in the country, plays a crucial role in the development of the community and the politicizing of the citizenry.

The barangay captain, together with the barangay council, has been empowered by the national government to carry out programs and projects for its constituents. The barangay captain, seen as the elder and community leader, has been in the unique position to practice grassroots governance and provide effective services to its people.

Giving them the power to administer oaths of office empowers and legitimizes their role in democracy building of our political institutions.

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 41 of Executive Order No. 292 as amended otherwise known as the Administrative Code of 1987 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Section 41. Officers Authorized to Administer Oath. -

(1) The following officers have general authority to administer oath: President; Vice President[,]; Members and Secretaries of both Houses of Congress; Members of the Judiciary; Secretaries of both Houses of Congress; Members of the Judiciary; Secretaries of Departments; provincial governors and [lieutenant] VICE governors; city mayors; municipal mayors; PUNONG BARANGAYS; bureau directors; regional directors; clerks of court; registrars of deeds; other civilian officers in [the] public service of the government of the Philippines whose appointments are vested in the President and are subject to confirmation by the Commission on Appointments; all other constitutional officers; PAO lawyers in connection with the performance of duty; and notaries public."

SECTION 2. All laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to and inconsistent with any provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication either in the *Official Gazette* or in ant newspapers of general circulation.

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