



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6157

BY REPRESENTATIVES GATCHALIAN AND MARTINEZ, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 174

AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF DETERMINING THE RANKING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF VALENZUELA, FOR PURPOSES OF SUCCESSION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 21 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8526, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF VALENZUELA

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Section 21 of Republic Act No. 8526, otherwise known as the Charter of the
2 City of Valenzuela, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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4 **“Section 21. Permanent Vacancy in the Office of the City Mayor and City Vice**
5 **Mayor.** – (a) If a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of the mayor, the city vice mayor
6 concerned shall become the city mayor. If a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of the city vice
7 mayor, the highest ranking Sangguniang Panlungsod member or, in case of his permanent
8 incapacity, the second highest ranking Sangguniang Panlungsod member, shall become the city
9 mayor or vice mayor, as the case may be. Subsequent vacancies in the said offices shall be filled
10 automatically by the other sanggunian members according to their ranking as defined herein.

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12 (b) A tie or among the highest ranking sangguniang panlungsod members
13 shall be resolved by the drawing of lots.

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15 (c) The successors as defined herein shall serve only for the unexpired
16 terms of their predecessors.

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18 For purposes of this Act, a permanent vacancy arises when an elective local
19 official fills a higher vacant office, refuses to assume office, fails to qualify, dies,
20 is removed from office, voluntarily resigns or is otherwise permanently
21 incapacitated to discharge the functions of his office.

1 For purposes of succession as provided in this Act, the ranking of the
2 members of the Sanggunian shall be determined on the basis of the proportion of
3 votes obtained by each winning candidate to the total number of registered voters
4 in **EACH DISTRICT IN** the City in the immediately preceding local election.

5 **SEC. 2.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent
6 with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

7 **SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
8 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

 Approved,