[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9244, February 19, 2004]

AN ACT ELIMINATING THE PREPARATORY RECALL ASSEMBLY AS A MODE OF INSTITUTING RECALL OF ELECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 70 AND 71, CHAPTER 5, TITLE ONE, BOOK I OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Section 70, Chapter 5, Title One, Book I of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 70. Initiation of the Recall Process. -

a. The Recall of any elective provincial, city, municipal or barangay official shall be commenced by a petition of a registered voter in the local government unit concerned and supported by the registered voters in the local government unit concerned during the election in which the local official sought to be recalled was elected subject to the following percentage requirements:

1. At least twenty-five percent (25%) in the case of local government units with a voting population of not more than twenty thousand (20,000);

2. At least twenty percent (20%) in the case of local government units with a voting population of at least twenty thousand (20,000) but not more than seventy-five thousand (75,000): *Provided,* That in no case shall the required petitioners be less than five thousand (5,000);

3. At least fifteen percent (15%) in the case of local government units with a voting population of at least seventy-five thousand (75,000) but not more than three hundred thousand (300,000): *Provided, however,* That in no case shall the required number of petitioners be less than fifteen thousand (15,000); and

4. At least ten percent (10%) in the case of local government units with a voting population of over three hundred thousand (300,000): *Provided, however,* That in no case shall the required petitioners be less than forty-five thousand (45,000).