

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

**18<sup>th</sup> Congress**  
First Regular Session

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2506**



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***Introduced by HON. ROGELIO NEIL P. ROQUE***

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**


This bill seeks the conversion of Sitio Buco located in Barangay Banlag in the City of Valencia into a separate and distinct barangay.

Sitio Buco has more than three thousand (3,000) residents. Given the size of the population, the conversion thereof would result to a more efficient, effective and economical governance. Further, the affected residents will be afforded an even delivery of basic services.

Furthermore, the people of Sitio Buco have been clamoring for such conversion. Realizing that a regular Internal Revenue Allotment for their community would result to a more progressive development, they have brought their concern before this representation. For this reason, appreciating that that a barangay is the basic political unit and appreciating further their desire to act as such, we believe that such conversion is timely and necessary.

Considering the requisites of population and territorial jurisdiction, the conversion of Sitio Buco located in Barangay Banlag in the City of Valencia into a separate and distinct barangay is in order, pursuant to Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as "The Local Government Code of 1991" and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

During the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress, this bill was filed (HB 7317). This bill is therefore refiled for the consideration of this Congress.

  
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**AN ACT  
CONVERTING SITIO BUCO IN BARANGAY BANLAG IN THE CITY OF  
VALENCIA, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON INTO A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT  
BARANGAY**

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

SECTION 1. Conversion and Creation into a Barangay – Sitio Buco situated in Barangay Banlag in the City of Valencia, Province of Bukidnon, is hereby converted into a regular barangay to be known as Barangay Buco.

SECTION 2. Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite – Pursuant to Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160 (R.A. No. 7160), as amended, otherwise known as “The Local Government Code of 1991,” the new barangay shall exist upon the majority of votes cast by the qualified voters of Barangay Banlag in a plebiscite to be conducted by the Commission on Election (COMELEC) in the areas affected, within One Hundred Twenty (120) days from effectivity of this Act.

The expense for such plebiscite shall be borne by the City of Valencia.

SECTION 3. Barangay Officials – The incumbent barangay officials of Barangay Banlag in the City of Valencia, Province of Bukidnon shall continue to exercise its powers, duties and functions, pursuant to Book III, Title I of R.A. No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as “The Local Government Code of 1991,” in a hold-over capacity, over Barangay Buco until new barangay officials of Barangay Buco shall have been elected and qualified.

SECTION 4. Internal Revenue Allotment Shares – Barangay Buco in the City of Valencia shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment shares pursuant to Section 285 of R.A. No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as “The Local Government Code of 1991.”

SECTION 5. Effectivity – This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

*Approved,*