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HOUSE BILL NO. 3546



Introduced by Representative Florida P. Robes

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to divide Barangay Muzon into two (2) distinct and independent Barangays.

Section 386 of the Local Government Code provides that a barangay maybe created if the following requisites are complied with: (i) at least two thousand (2,000) inhabitants as certified by the National Statistics Office except in cities and municipalities within Metro Manila and other metropolitan political subdivisions or in highly urbanized cities where such territory shall have a certified population of at least five thousand (5,000) inhabitants. Provided that the creation thereof shall not reduce the population of the original Barangay or Barangays to less than the minimum requirement prescribed herein.

As San Jose Del Monte City's most populous, with a population of more than a hundred thousand, the splitting of Barangay Muzon into two (2) distinct and independent political units will not alter its administrative status. The area which is to be separated from shall be called Barangay Pabahay 2000. The rationale behind the splitting are to improve the delivery of services and to effectively manage the resources.

Thus, in view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is being earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
DIVIDING BARANGAY MUZON IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE,
PROVINCE OF BULACAN INTO TWO (2) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT
BARANGAYS TO BE SEPARATELY KNOWN AS BARANGAY MUZON AND
BARANGAY PABAHAY

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

SECTION 1. *Division of Barangay Muzon*— Barangay Muzon in the City of San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan is hereby divided into two (2) distinct and independent barangays to be separately known as (i) Barangay Muzon and (ii) Barangay Pabahay.

SEC. 2. *Territorial Boundaries* – The boundaries of the two (2) barangays will be determined by the city planning and development office and the city assessor's office.

SEC. 3. *Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite* – Pursuant to Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991", Barangay Muzon shall be divided into two (2) distinct and independent local political units and a new barangay shall exist upon approval by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters in a plebiscite to be conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections ("COMELEC") in the area affected within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 4. *Barangay Officials* - The incumbent barangay officials of Barangay Muzon shall continue to hold office until such time that their successors have been duly elected and qualified while the first set of officials of the newly created barangay shall be appointed by the President of the Republic of the Philippines upon recommendation of the local government unit through a resolution by the sanggunian

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SEC. 5. *Public Infrastructure and Facilities* - All existing public infrastructure and facilities for public use existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or compensation to and shall be administered by the new barangay.

SEC. 6. *Internal Revenue Allotment Shares*. – The two (2) barangays named under this Act shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) shares pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the “Local Government Code of 1991”.

SEC. 7. *Repealing Clause*. - All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations, and other issuances, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 8. *Separability Clause*. - If, for any reason, any part, section or provision of this Act is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,