# Republic of the Philippines HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Quezon City, Metro Manila

## **EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**

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HOUSE BILL NO.



### INTRODUCED BY REP. JB BERNOS

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The desire to create a new municipality in the Province of Abra to be known as the Municipality of Andres Bernos is borne out of the desire to improve the delivery of basic government services to the people living in the barangays subsumed under its jurisdiction. The clamor for the creation of a distinct and independent local government is present in the people's thoughts to improve and develop their socioeconomic situation.

The parent Municipality of Bucay currently has an area of 102.16 square kilometers and an annual regular income of Php 70,818,040.82 (according to 2016 figures by the Bureau of Local Government Finance). These figures are well above the general requirements that is needed to create a new municipality. Through this measure, we are going to enable real change for the people of Andres Bernos to chart their own futures through development projects and programs aimed to promote public health, safety, and general welfare.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.

REP. JB BERNOS Lone District, Abra

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#### AN ACT

# CREATING A MUNICIPALITY TO BE KNOWN AS MUNICIPALITY OF ANDRES BERNOS IN THE PROVINCE OF ABRA

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Creation of the Municipality of Andres Bernos. There is hereby
- 2 created a new municipality in the Province of Abra to be known as the Municipality of
- 3 Andres Bernos.
- 4 Sec. 2. Seat of Municipal Government. The seat of the new municipality shall be
- 5 in Barangay Tabiog.
- 6 Sec. 3. Component Barangays. Barangays Abang, Bangbangcag, Calao, Dugong,
- 7 Palaquio, Patoc, Quimloong, and Tabiog from the Municipality of Bucay shall
- 8 constitute the distinct and independent Municipality of Andres Bernos.
- 9 The eastern part of Barangay Pagala in the Municipality of Bucay is hereby separated
- 10 to be included in the distinct and independent Municipality of Andres Bernos as
- 11 Barangay Pagala East.
- 12 The foregoing provision shall be without prejudice to the resolution by the appropriate
- agency or forum of any boundary dispute or case involving questions of territorial
- 14 jurisdiction between the Municipality of Andres Bernos and the adjoining local

- 1 Sec. 8. Applicable Laws. Republic Act 7160, also known as the Local Government
- 2 Code of 1991, and other existing laws governing the administration and operation of
- 3 local governments shall govern the Municipality of Andres Bernos.
- 4 Sec. 9. Repealing Clause. All laws, executive orders, decrees, rules and regulations
- 5 which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, repealed
- 6 or modified accordingly.
- 7 Sec. 10. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
- 8 complete publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general
- 9 circulation.

Approved,