

Republic of the Philippines  
House of Representatives  
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 531



Introduced by: **REP. JOSEPH STEPHEN S. PADUANO**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Municipal Government of Salvador Benedicto in the Province of Negros Occidental exists pursuant to Batas Pambansa Blg. (BP) 336 which was enacted on 09 February 1983. The town occupies portion of the Northern Negros Forest Reserve where most of its facilities, including its municipal government buildings are situated.

A townsite for a municipality like the Salvador Bendicto is indispensable for its development programs and land use plan as a local government unit. However, the townsite was not specifically defined and accorded to Salvador Benedicto when BP 336 was enacted.

The townsite reservation as requested by the aforesaid municipality covers an area of two hundred (200) hectares more or less, per plan MR-06-00006, which was approved on 01 August 1995 by the Regional Technical Director for Land Management Services, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Regional Office VI. This approved plan covers a portion of North Negros Forest Reserve (NNRFR) and a portion of alienable and disposable area under Project No. 7-F.L.C. Map No. 2073, as certified on 13 February 1957.

After so many years, now is the time that official delineation and segregation of such site be determined for the Municipality of Salvador Benedicto to move on without defying existing laws and policies on land utilization. After having complied with the requisites for the reservation of the aforesaid parcel of land of public domain into a townsite and finding all the documents in order, it is but proper and fitting that the segregation of the subject identified parcel of land covering two hundred hectares (200 has.) be given due course through the passage of this bill.

This proposed measure has been filed, favorably acted upon by the concerned Committee, approved by the House on Third and Final Reading, and consequently transmitted to the Senate for its action during the 17th Congress. It is again refiled this Congress hoping for its enactment into law.

Hence, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT

DECLARING A PARCEL OF LAND OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AN AGRICULTURAL LAND  
FOR TOWNSITE PURPOSE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SALVADOR BENEDICTO,  
PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

**SECTION 1.** This Act shall be known as the "Salvador Benedicto Municipal Town Site Act".

**SEC. 2.** Declaration of Agricultural Land- A parcel of land of the public domain located at Barangay Poblacion, Municipality of Salvador Benedicto, Province of Negros Occidental, is hereby declared as agricultural land for town site purposes. The said parcel of land, containing an area of two hundred (200) hectares, subject to actual ground survey and private rights, if there be any, is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point marked "I" on Map, being, S 86°37'23" E, 6,062.716 meters from NGW -3093 (PES 92 Control Point Latitude 10°34'34".87433°, Longitude 123°10'19.64866°) situated in Barangay Pandanon, Municipality of Salvador Benedicto, Province of Negros Occidental.

Thence S 33°21'0" W	275.20 meters to corner 2;
Thence S 35°3'0" W	213.79 meters to corner 3;
Thence S 34°55'0" W	59.58 meters to corner 4;
Thence S 60°37'0" W	126.69 meters to corner 5;
Thence S 26°41'0" W	221.82 meters to corner 6;
Thence S 56°49'0" W	230.69 meters to corner 7;
Thence S 38°24'0" W	215.14 meters to corner 8;
Thence S 84°55'0" W	255.83 meters to corner 9;
Thence N 28°18'0" W	790.00 meters to corner 10;
Thence N 28°18'0" W	290.00 meters to corner 11;
Thence N 28°18'0" W	260.00 meters to corner 12;
Thence N 17°13'0" E	250.00 meters to corner 13;
Thence N 17°13'0" E	192.41 meters to corner 14;
Thence N 82°41'0" E	400.00 meters to corner 15;
Thence N 82°41'0" E	400.00 meters to corner 16;
Thence N 82°41'0" E	400.00 meters to corner 17;
Thence N 82°41'0" E	248.80 meters to corner 18;
Thence S 10°22'0" W	120.00 meters to corner 19;
Thence S 10°22'0" W	300.00 meters to corner 20;
Thence S 33°20'23" E	419.43 meters to corner 1;



the point of beginning comprising an area of two hundred (200) hectares more or less.

**SEC. 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)** – Within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall issue the corresponding implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

**SEC. 4. Separability Clause** - If any part or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other provisions, which are not affected thereby, shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**Sec. 5. Repealing Clause** - All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders and regulations or part thereof inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 6. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulations.

*Approved,*