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HOUSE BILL NO. 5798



Introduced by
REPRESENTATIVE PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ

AN ACT
RENAMING THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO TO THE
MUNICIPALITY OF SAWATA

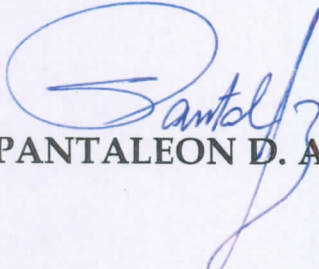
EXPLANATORY NOTE:

Years after the renaming of the municipality of Sawata as the municipality of San Isidro, the place has still been commonly referred to as "Sawata" by its residents and other people from neighboring areas. In fact, most people in the municipality still proudly refer to themselves as residents of "Sawata".

Further, numerous municipalities and towns all over the Philippines are also named San Isidro which creates some confusion as to the distinction and unique character of the municipality.

Evidently, the people have a deep connection with "Sawata", a name that better expresses the rich history and culture of its people. Therefore, renaming of the municipality of San Isidro back to "Sawata" is not only practical, it also reconnects the people to the name of the place that has resonated through their lives ever since its recognition as a municipality

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

SECTION 1. *Change of Name.* – The Municipality of San Isidro in the Province of Davao del Norte is hereby renamed the Municipality of Sawata.

SEC. 2. *Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite.* – The change of name of San Isidro to Sawata shall be subject to ratification by a majority of the votes cast by qualified voters in a plebiscite to be conducted in the present municipality of San Isidro.

The Commission on Elections shall conduct and supervise the plebiscite in compliance with Section 13 (g) of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All other laws, decrees, executive orders, and rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,