



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5800



Introduced by
REPRESENTATIVE PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ

AN ACT
CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY DATU
BALONG IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO, PROVINCE
OF DAVAO DEL NORTE

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

This bill seeks to remedy the financial inequity that Barangay Datu Balong is subjected to brought about by Sec. 285 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, particularly the last paragraph which reads:


Provided, finally, That the financial requirements of barangays created by local government units after the effectivity of this Code shall be the responsibility of the local government unit concerned.

For decades, this provision has precluded Barangay Datu Balong from receiving Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) that is entitled to other barangays. In this regard, passage of this bill effectively levels the playing field for Barangay Datu Balong in the Municipality of San Isidro, Province of Davao del Norte.

As the most basic political unit, the barangays have always been the backbone of government serving as the primary grassroots unit for planning and implementation of vital public policy and development, the

delivery of such entails finances and expenditures which can only be sustained by the barangay through its fair share of the IRA.

The 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. *Creation of Barangay Datu Balong.* – There is hereby created a barangay to be known as Barangay Datu Balong in the Municipality of San Isidro, Province of Davao del Norte.

SEC. 2. *Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite.* – The plebiscite conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) pursuant to Provincial Ordinance No. 4 enacted and approved by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, which ratified the creation of Barangay Datu Balong as proclaimed by the Plebiscite Board of Canvassers on August 30, 1992 shall serve as a substantial compliance with the plebiscite requirement under Section 10 of Republic Act 7160 as amended, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

SEC. 3. *Barangay Officials.* – The incumbent elected barangay officials of Barangay Datu Balong in the Municipality of San Isidro,

Province of Davao del Norte shall continue to hold office until such time that their successors have been duly elected.

SEC. 4. *Public Infrastructures and Facilities.* – All existing public infrastructures 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. 5. *Internal Revenue Allotment Share.* – Barangay Datu Balong shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment shares pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

SEC. 6. *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,