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House Bill No. 928

Introduced by REP. JUDY J. SYJUCO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create the municipality of BUCARI to be composed of twenty-one (21) contiguous barangays from the municipalities of Alimodian and Leon, Province of Iloilo. The 21 barangays are the following: Barangays Bucari, Camandag, Bulwang, Bobon, Bacolod, Maliao, Cabunga-an, Lampaya, Cagay, Danao, Ingay, Cabolo-an, Tagsing and Igcadios, in the Municipality of Leon; and, Barangays Manasa, Lico, Dao, Umingan, Tabug, Cabacanan-Proper and Cabacanan-Rizal, in the municipality of Alimodian.

These 21 mountain barangays share a common topography, climate, soil classification, flora and fauna as well as culture and traditions. They also share vast areas of forests consisting mainly of pine trees. These barangays, as a whole referred to as the Bucari Area, offer great potentials for development to its inhabitants. It is ideal for ecological enterprises and agro-forestry.

However, these barangays are virtually isolated from their respective municipalities by mountainous terrain, especially during the rainy season when the roads leading to them literally vanish. The people of the area barely receive the services government is mandated to provide them. This explains the very slow pace of development in these barangays and, consequently, the continued misery suffered by their inhabitants.

With the separation of the subject barangays from their respective mother municipalities and their formation into a new municipality, it is expected that the much-sought development will finally dawn on the concerned inhabitants of the area.

In view of the above, approval of this bill is earnestly urged.

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AN ACT
CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF BUCARI IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO

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

SECTION 1. CREATION. The barangays of Bucari, Camandag, Bulwang, Bobon, Bacolod, Maliao, Cabunga-an, Lampaya, Cagay, Danao, Ingay, Cabolo-an, Tagsing and Igcadios, in the municipality of Leon; and, Barangays Manasa, Lico, Dao, Umingan, Tabug, Cabacanan-Proper and Cabacanan-Rizal, in the municipality of Alimodian in the Province of Iloilo are separated from the said municipalities and constituted into a distinct and independent municipality to be known as the Municipality of Bucari.

SECTION 2. PLEBISCITE. The municipality of Bucari shall acquire corporate existence upon ratification by a majority of the votes cast in a plebiscite to be conducted in the municipalities affected within one hundred twenty (120) days after approval of this Act. The Commission on Elections shall conduct and supervise the plebiscite. The expenses to be incurred for the holding of the said plebiscite shall be charged to the contingency fund of the Comelec under the current fiscal year appropriations.

SECTION 3. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT. The seat of government of the new municipality of Bucari shall be at Barangay Bucari.

SECTION 4. TRANSFER OF ASSETS AND OBLIGATIONS. Within six (6) months after the effectivity of this Act, the proportionate share of the new municipality of Bucari in the obligations, funds, assets, and other properties of the municipalities of Alimodian and Leon shall be transferred to the newly created municipality. The determination of such proportionate share shall be made by the Commission on Audit.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.