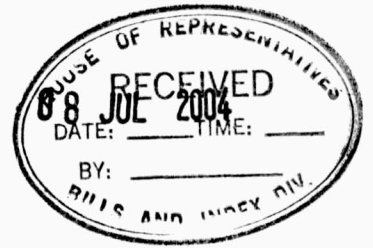


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House Bill No. 1302



Introduced by Honorable Belma A. Cabilao

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to change the name of the Municipality of Roseller T. Lim in the Province of Zamboanga Sibugay to Municipality of Surabaya.

The history of Surabaya dates back to the pre-Spanish period during which the original inhabitants of Roseller T. Lim, the Subanens were later called the Surabayenos. The name Surabaya was derived from the sentimental story of two children, Surah and Baih, who both perished in a river during a flash flood. When some Malay migrants encountered the parents of the missing children and asked the name of the place, the teary-eyed mother, confused and grieving shouted "Surah.....Baih". The migrants thought she was shouting the name of the place so they called the area "Surabay".

It is for these historical and sentimental reasons that the officials and people of Roseller Lim, through Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 280-05-02, earnestly desire to restore the name of their locality to "Surabay". Hence, this bill. Its immediate passage is earnestly sought.

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BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 183.

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

SECTION 1. The name of the Municipality of Roseller T. Lim in the Province of Zamboanga Sibugay is hereby changed to Municipality of Surabay, amending for the purpose Batas Pambansa Blg. 183.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,