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House Bill No. 1524

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create Sitio Siange in Brgy. Lisap, Municipality of Bongabong, Province of Oriental Mindoro into a separate barangay. Sitio Siange is currently inhabited by the Buhid-Mangyans, one of the major tribes of Mindoro's Indigenous Peoples.

This is in consonance with Section 386 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 which provides for the creation of barangays in the indigenous cultural communities by an Act of Congress, to enhance the delivery of basic social services in such communities. Similarly, Section 18 of Republic Act 8371 or the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA) of 1997 provides that indigenous cultural communities and indigenous peoples in contiguous areas or communities where they form the majority may constitute a separate barangay.

Accordingly, a separate barangay unit for the Buhid Mangyan Tribe, to be known as Brgy. Siange, would ensure the effective promotion of their unique culture as an indigenous cultural group, while recognizing and addressing their right for a more direct, responsive and timely delivery of basic social and other government services.


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AN ACT
CREATING BARANGAY SIANGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONGABONG,
PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO.

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

Section 1. *Creation of Barangay Siange.* –Sitio Siange in Brgy. Lisap, Municipality of Bongabong, Province of Oriental Mindoro is hereby constituted as an independent and distinct regular barangay to be known as Barangay Siange in the Municipality of Bongabong, Province of Oriental Mindoro.

The territorial jurisdiction of Brgy. Siange shall be within the present metes and bounds of Sitio Siange, as follows:

LINE	BEARINGS	DISTANCE
1	S 23° 51' 58" E	196.3 m
2	Due East	204.7 m
3	S 43° E	375.0 m
4	S 61° E	200.0 m
5	S 15° E	400.0 m
6	S 83° W	380.0 m
7	S 52° W	200.0 m
8	S 2° 30' E	680.0 m
9	S 65° E	320.0 m
10	S 30° W	567.0 m
11	S 34° 17' W	265.8 m
12	S 55° 0' 58" W	473.6 m
13	S 35° 12' W	207.7 m
14	S 16° 42' E	208.5 m
15	S 51° 50' W	177.7 m
16	S 75° 2' W	369.2 m
17	Due W	9,472.6 m
18	Due N	5,341.7 m
19	Due E	617.4 m
20	Sunson River	12,421.2 m

Sec. 2. *Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite.* – Pursuant to Section 10 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code, the new barangay shall exist upon the majority of votes cast by the qualified voters of Barangays Lisap and Siange in a plebiscite to be conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) in the area affected, within one hundred twenty (120) days from the effectivity of this Act.

Sec. 3. *Barangay Officials.* -- The first set of officials of the said barangay shall be appointed by the Municipal Mayor of Bongabong and shall hold office until such time that their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

Sec. 4. *Public Infrastructures and Facilities.* – All existing public infrastructure and facilities for public use existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or compensation and shall be administered by the new barangay.

Sec. 5. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary to conduct the plebiscite as provided for under this Act shall be borne by the Municipality of Bongabong, Province of Oriental Mindoro.

Sec. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,