

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3177



Introduced by HON. LAURENCE B. WACNANG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate the sitios of San Pablo, Casigayan, Madopdop and Lanlana, from their mother barangay of Lacnog, Tabuk, Kalinga, and regroup them to create a new barangay to be known as Barangay San Pablo.

Barangay Lacnog occupies a large area of Tabuk and is composed of nine sitios scattered in Tabuk's southern plain. However, the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) the barangay annually receives is barely enough to finance various development projects and initiatives necessary for the barangay's social and economic growth.

The residents of the sitios of San Pablo, Casigayan, Madopdop and Lanlana are likewise affected even more due perhaps to their unique cultural demography. These four sitios are populated by the Sumadel Tribe and they have their own vision and priorities in their community's development which is somehow overlooked or not properly addressed by the local government of barangay Lacnog.

For these reasons, the four sitios has decided to regroup themselves to create Barangay San Pablo, in the municipality of Tabuk in Kalinga. This new regrouping would allow the Sumadel Tribal Community to use their own IRA to chart its own course in its socio-economic development that is suited to meet their community's needs.

The combined population size of the four sitios that would comprise barangay San Pablo will fall short of the two thousand (2,000) required by the 1991 Local Government Code. However, the creation of barangay San Pablo will not be affected by this provision since the four sitios are populated by an indigenous cultural community (e.g. Sumadel Tribe) which exempts it from the population requirement, under Book III, Paragraph 2, Section 386 of the 1991 Local Government Code.

In view of the forgoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY SAN PABLO IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF TABUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA

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

SECTION 1. *Creation of Barangay San Pablo.*- The sitios of San Pablo, Casigayan, Madopdop and Lanlana are hereby separated from Barangay Lacnog, and are constituted into a new, regular barangay to be known as Barangay San Pablo in the Municipality of Tabuk, Province of Kalinga.

SEC. 2. *Conduct and Supervision of a Plebiscite.*- Pursuant to Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the new barangay shall exist upon a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters of Barangay Lacnog in a plebiscite to be conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) in the area affected, within ninety (90) 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 President of the Republic of the Philippines and shall hold office until such time that their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

SEC. 4. *Public Infrastructure and Facilities.*- All 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 to and shall be administered by the new barangay.

SEC. 5. *Internal Revenue Allotment Shares.*- Barangay San Pablo shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment shares from the national government pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

SEC. 6. *Appropriations.*- The amount necessary to conduct the plebiscite as provided for under this Act shall be borne by the Municipality of Tabuk, Province of Kalinga.

SEC. 7. *Effectivity.*- This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,