

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

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3440



Introduced by Honorable Samuel M. Dangwa

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create another barangay in Barangay Gambang, Municipality of Bakun, Province of Benguet comprising the Sitios of Pulag, Mabuhay, Goldstar, Cagam-is, Bagtangan, Enga-an, Takayan, Liwang, Li-in, Batanes and Mogao, all in Barangay Gambang, to be known as Gambang West.

Under paragraph 2 of Section 386 of the Local Government Code of 1991, it provides among others that “to enhance the delivery of basic services in the indigenous cultural communities, barangays may be created in such communities by an act of Congress notwithstanding the above requirement.” Acknowledged as one of the earliest tribal settlement dating as far back as the Spanish times, barangay Gambang was originally established during the early American regime as a township under the subprovince of Lepanto, Province of Mt. Province. It was, however, incorporated into the Municipality of Bakun in 1920, thus reducing its township status to a mere Barrio, now Barangay, of Bakun.

Endowed with rich natural resources of fertile lands, abundant water and minerals with temperate climate, Gambang has long established its supremacy over the other barangays of the municipality in terms of economic growth and development. Its accessibility to the Halsema National Road, in the east and the Sinipsip-Ampusongan Road on the west, facilitated the development of its agricultural lands thus, its thriving vegetable industry is now one of the key players in Benguet’s role of supplying vegetables to the Metro Manila area, parts of the Bicol region and even some parts of the Visayas.

With a population of over six thousand, scattered over a vast and mountainous territory punctured by deep ravines and galleys, problems on supervision and administration of Barangay affairs, as well as implementation of infrastructure projects are often encountered by the local and Barangay officials. Delivery of basic services to the remotest part of the Barangay during calamities, where quick responses and rescue operations are badly needed cannot be effected with dispatch. Added to this, approach to the northernmost part of the barangay in Sitios Yogo and Pungo requires a circuitous route by passing through some parts of the neighboring Municipalities of Buguias and Mankayan with an average of 2 hours. As a solution to these problems, and in order to promote the interest of public service through efficient supervision and administration, it is imperative that Barangay Gambang be divided by segregating the sitios situated on the western part, namely: Mabuhay, Pulag, Goldstar, Bagtangan, Cagam-is, Batanes, Takayan, Liwang, Li-in, Enga-an and Mogao, Constituting a separate barangay to be known as Gambang West; while sitios situated on the eastern side, namely: Sinipsip, Pilando, Yugo, Pungo, Kumidos, Sookan, Gambang Proper, Alibacong, Pangawan, Bay-o and Kilong to remain with the mother Barangay Gambang.

Approval of this bill is urgently requested.



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AN ACT CREATING THE BARANGAY OF GAMBANG WEST, COMPRISING THE SITIOS OF PULAG, MABUHAY, GOLDSTAR, BATANES, BAGTANGAN, TAKAYAN, ENGA-AN, LIWANG, LI-IN, CAGAM-IS AND MOGAO, ALL IN BARANGAY GAMBANG, MUNICIPALITY OF BAKUN, PROVINCE OF BENGUET AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created the Barangay of Gambang West, comprising of the Sitios of Pulag, Mabuhay, Goldstar, Batanes, Bagtangan, Takayan, Enga-an, Liwang, Li-in, Cagam-is and Mogao, all in Barangay Gambang, Municipality of Bakun, Province of Benguet, to be known as Barangay Gambang West.

SECTION 2. The Boundary line between Gambang West and Gambang is hereby set to start at the Gakian junction, proceeds downward to the Gambang river, adopting said river as the land mark boundary line until its exit at Sitio Pungo, the same river having longitudinally divided the two Barangays almost equally.

SECTION 3. In order to carry out the purpose of this Act, the amount of One Million Pesos shall be charged to the appropriation of the Department of Interior and Local Government. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary in the maintenance and operation of the Barangay shall be funded in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code of 1991.

SECTION 4. Within one year after the approval of this Act, the Municipal Government of Bakun shall initiate in coordination with the Land Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the necessary delineation of the boundary line described in Section 2 hereof.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED.