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HOUSE BILL NO. 5027



Introduced by Representatives:
ABRAHAM KAHLIL B. MITRA and ANTONIO C. ALVAREZ

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The great challenge facing our government in nation building is its ability to acknowledge and allow its communities to be independent and self-sufficient. Since 1998, the people of the proposed municipality have long been clamoring for self-governance due to the recognition of the full potential of the proposed barangays. Located in a large agricultural area, Barangays Quinlogan, Calumpang, Tagusao and Sowangan of Quezon, Palawan and Barangay Bunog of Rizal, Palawan covers an area of more than forty thousand hectares (40,247.2706 has). The vast potential for economic growth of the proposed Governor Abueg Municipality already has an annual income of P3.6 M to P3.8 M for the past two years, sufficient enough to address the development needs of the community. From a cluster of depressed barangays, through sheer determination and hard work of its residents, these barangays have transformed itself into a cluster of sovereignty, worthy to be converted into a municipality. It is in itself a community that is not only ready but confident enough to stand on its own and gear towards progress while serving the province of Palawan.

This proposal for self governance by communities to develop needs to be recognized by the national government. As such, it would be able to extend its reach to its people - essentially a key process to nation building in consonance to its thrust to develop the countryside.

In this light, it is likewise proposed that the new town be named after a dedicated son of the Province of Palawan, the late Governor Alfredo M. Abueg whose feat set out a trend to the future leaders of Palawan to gear-up for development. From 1946 to 1959 reign of leadership as a governor, Governor Abueg built roads, public buildings, wharves, airports and schools and restored transportation and communication facilities. Thus, despite the ravages and chaos of World War II, Governor Abueg, was able to bring stability and growth to grossly underdeveloped province, providing basic wherewithal upon which succeeding leaders could build on.

It can be said that Governor Abueg set the tone for the future leaders of Palawan. This drive to excel was recognized when he was appointed Technical Assistant of Local Government under the then President Elpidio

Quirino, and later as Commissioner of the National Planning Commission, and Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries.

Naming the proposed municipality after the late Governor Alfredo M. Abueg is only a fitting recognition of his enormous contribution to the well-being of the present generation of Palaweños.

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



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AN ACT

**CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF GOVERNOR ALFREDO M. ABUEG IN THE
PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

1 SECTION 1. *Creation.* - It is hereby created a new municipality within the
2 Second Congressional District of the Province of Palawan. Barangays Sowangan,
3 Tagusao, Calumpang and Quinlogan of the Municipality of Quezon and Barangay Bunog
4 of the Municipality of Rizal are hereby separated from their respective municipalities and
5 shall constitute as a distinct and independent municipality to be known as the
6 Municipality of Governor Alfredo M. Abueg.

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8 SECTION 2. *Seat of the Municipal Government.* - The seat of government of
9 the new municipality shall be at Barangay Quinlogan.

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11 SECTION 3. *Territorial Jurisdiction.* - The Municipality of Governor Alfredo M.
12 Abueg shall be composed of Barangays Quinlogan, Calumpang, Tagusao and
13 Sowangan of Quezon, Palawan and Barangay Bunog of Rizal, Palawan.

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15 SECTION 4. *Plebiscite.* - The Municipality of Governor Alfredo M. Abueg shall
16 acquire corporate existence upon ratification of its creation by the majority vote cast in a
17 plebiscite to be conducted in the municipality or municipalities affected within one
18 hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act. The Commission on Elections
19 shall conduct and supervise the plebiscite. The expenses for the plebiscite shall be
20 charged to the local governments' concerned.

1 SECTION 5. *The Set of Officials.* – Upon the approval of the new municipality
2 by a majority of votes cast in the plebiscite called for the purpose, the mayor, vice mayor
3 and the members of the Sangguniang Bayan shall be appointed by the President of the
4 Republic of the Philippines in consultation with the representative of the district affected
5 and the governor of the province of Palawan, and shall discharge their official functions
6 until their successors shall be been elected and qualified.

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8 SECTION 6. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* – Within a period of six (6)
9 months after the effectivity of this Act, the Commission on Audit shall determine the
10 proportionate share of the new municipality in the obligations, funds, assets and other
11 properties.

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13 SECTION 7. *Financial Requirements.* – During the first year of implementation
14 of this Act, the newly created Municipality of Governor Alfredo M. Abueg shall received
15 from the municipalities of Quezon and Rizal a proportionate share from their respective
16 internal revenue allotments allocated pursuant to Section 285 of the Local Government
17 Code, in accordance with the terms and conditions as may be set in the resolutions to be
18 submitted to the Department of Budget and Management by the respective Sangguniang
19 Bayan of the Municipalities of Quezon and Rizal in consultation with the representative
20 of the district and the governor of the province. Thereafter the Municipality of Governor
21 Alfredo M. Abueg shall be entitled to an internal revenue allotment as authorized under
22 the said Local Government Code.

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24 SECTION 8. *Applicable Laws.* – The Local Government Code and other existing
25 laws governing the administration and operation of Local Government shall likewise be
26 vested and enjoyed by the Municipality of Governor Alfredo M. Abueg.

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28 SECTION 9. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
29 regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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31 SECTION 10. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
32 completion of its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general
33 circulation.

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35 *Approved,*