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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2356

Submitted by the Committee on Local Government on 28 AUG 2012
Re. House Bill No. 6507

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5024

Sponsors: Representatives George P. Arnaiz, and Tobias "Toby" Tiangco

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Local Government to which was referred House Bill No. 5024 introduced by Representative Tobias "Toby" Tiangco, entitled:

**"AN ACT
DIVIDING BARANGAY NORTH BAY BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF
NAVOTAS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NORTH BAY BOULEVARD
SOUTH 1, NORTH BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH 2, AND NORTH BAY
BOULEVARD SOUTH 3"**

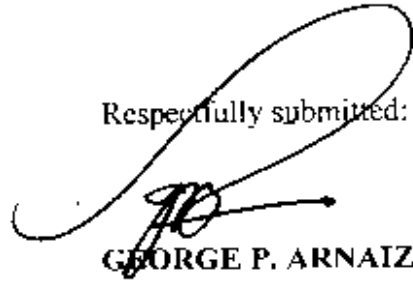
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has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. _____
entitled: _____

**"AN ACT
DIVIDING BARANGAY NORTH BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH IN THE CITY OF
NAVOTAS INTO THREE (3) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS
TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAYS NORTH BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH 1,
NORTH BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH 2, AND NORTH BAY BOULEVARD
SOUTH 3"**

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 5024 with Representative Tobias "Toby"
Tiangco as author thereof

Respectfully submitted:

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GEORGE P. ARNAIZ
Chairman
Committee on Local Government

**THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6507

Introduced by Representative Tobias "Toby" Tiangco

AN ACT

DIVIDING BARANGAY NORTH BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH IN THE CITY OF NAVOTAS INTO THREE (3) DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NORTH BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH 1, BARANGAY NORTH BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH 2 AND BARANGAY NORTH BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH 3

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

SECTION 1. *Division of North Bay Boulevard South* - Barangay North Bay Boulevard South in the City of Navotas is hereby divided into three (3) distinct and independent barangays to be known as Barangay North Bay Boulevard South 1, Barangay North Bay Boulevard South 2 and Barangay North Bay Boulevard South 3

SEC. 2. *Territorial Boundaries.* - The territorial boundaries of each barangay created in the immediately preceding Section shall be as follows:

1. Barangay North Bay Boulevard South 1

"Bounded on the Northwest (NW) by centerline of Lapu-Lapu Avenue;
On the Northeast (NE) by centerline of Northbay Boulevard;
On the Southeast (SE) by centerlines of Estero de Muralla; and

On the Southwest (SW) by Manila Bay and dried-up portion of Manila Bay Swo 003901-000959-D (PEA) Cad – 13 Manila Cadastre;
Containing an area of 589,344.87 square meters, more or less.

2. Barangay North Bay Boulevard South 2

“Bounded on the Northwest (NW) by centerline of Lapu-Lapu Avenue,
On the Northeast (NE) by centerlines of Navotas River (Dagat-Dagatan River) and Estero de Muralla;
On the Southeast (SE) by centerline of Estero de Muralla; and
On the Southwest (SW) by centerline of North Bay Boulevard;
Containing an area of 614,932.53 square meters, more or less.

3. Barangay North Bay Boulevard South 3

“Bounded on the Northwest (NW) by centerline of Malabon River/Cut Off Channel;
On the Northeast (NE) by centerlines of Martiniko Street and Dalagang Bukid Street;
On the Southeast (SE) by centerlines of Lapu-Lapu Avenue and C-3 Road;
and
On the Southwest (SW) by centerline of Navotas River (Dagat-Dagatan River;
Containing an area of 396,345.04 square meters, more or less.

SEC. 3. Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite. – The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall conduct and supervise the plebiscite to be held in Barangay North Bay Boulevard South in the City of Navotas within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act.

The expenses for such plebiscite shall be borne by the City of Navotas.

1 **SEC. 4. *Special Election of Barangay Officials.*** – The first set of officials of
2 barangays created under Section 1 hereof shall be elected ninety (90) days from approval
3 by majority votes cast in a plebiscite held for the purpose

4 The COMELEC shall conduct and supervise the special elections to be held in
5 Barangays North Bay Boulevard South 1, 2 and 3 in the City of Navotas within sixty (60)
6 days after the ratification of this Act in a plebiscite.

7 The expenses for such special elections shall be borne by the City of Navotas.

8 The incumbent barangay officials of Barangays North Bay Boulevard South shall
9 continue to hold office and administer Barangays North Bay Boulevard South 1, 2 and 3
10 until such time that the officials of the newly created barangays have been duly elected
11 and qualified.

12 **SEC. 5. *Public Infrastructures and Facilities.***– All existing public infrastructures
13 and facilities for public use existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are
14 hereby transferred without cost or compensation to and shall be administered by the new
15 barangays.

16 ~~**SEC. 6. *Internal Revenue Allotment Shares*** – All barangays herein created shall~~
17 be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) shares pursuant to Section 285 of
18 Republic Act No. 7160 as amended, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of
19 1991.

20 **SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
21 publication in any newspaper of general circulation

22 *Approved.*



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Introduced by Representative Tobias "Toby" Tiangco

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the division of Barangay North Bay Boulevard South in Navotas City into three (3) Barangays to be known as North Bay Boulevard South 1, North Bay Boulevard South 2 and North Bay Boulevard South 3.

Barangay North Bay Boulevard South has 1,600,622.44 square meters of land area and continuously getting wider because of reclamations and development therein. Its population 67,730 ranks first among the Barangays of Navotas City. Peace and order in the continuing growing population of Barangay North Bay Boulevard South would definitely cause problems in the future. Further, the densely populated area will result to uneven delivery of basic services to the affected residents.

Thus, the people of Barangay North Bay Boulevard South are actively calling for the division of the said Barangay considering the benefit it may bring to them.

Approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


Tobias "Toby" Tiangco



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House Bill No. **5024**

Introduced by Representative Tobias "Toby" Tiangco

AN ACT
DIVIDING THE BARANGAY NORTH BAY BOULEVARD IN NAVOTAS CITY TO
BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NORTH BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH 1, NORTH BAY
BOULEVARD SOUTH 2, AND NORTH BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH 3

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

SECTION 1. Division of Barangay North Bay Boulevard South. – The Barangay North Bay Boulevard South in Navotas City is hereby divided and constituted into (3) new barangays to be known as Barangay North Bay Boulevard South 1, Barangay North Bay Boulevard South 2, and Barangay North Bay Boulevard South 3.

SEC. 2 Territorial Boundaries. – The technical description of Barangay North Bay Boulevard South 1 (unofficial name), situated in the City of Navotas, Island of Luzon, shall be as follows:

Bounded on the Northwest (NW) by centerline of Lapu-Lapu Avenue;

On the Northeast (NE) by centerline of North Bay Boulevard;

On the Southeast (SE) by centerlines of Estero de Muralla; and

On the Southwest (SW) by Manila Bay and dried-up portion of Manila Bay
Swo 003901-000959-D (PEA) Cad – 13 Manila Cadastre;

Containing an area of 589,344.87 square meters, more or less.

On the other hand, the technical description of Barangay North Bay Boulevard South 2 (unofficial name) situated in the City of Navotas, Island of Luzon, shall be as follows :

Bounded on the Northwest (NW) by centerline of Lapu-Lapu Avenue;

On the Northeast (NE) by centerlines of Navotas River (Dagat-Dagatan River) and Estero de Muralla;

On the Southeast (SE) by centerline of Estero de Muralla; and

On the Southwest (SW) by centerline of North Bay Boulevard;

Containing an area of 614,932.53 square meters, more or less.

As well, the technical description of Barangay North Bay Boulevard South 3 (unofficial name) situated in the City of Navotas, Island of Luzon, shall be as follows:

Bounded on the Northwest (NW) by centerline of Malabon River/Cut-off Channel;

On the Northeast (NE) by centerlines of Martiniko st. and Dalagang Bukid St.;

On the Southeast (SE) by centerlines of Lapu-Lapu Avenue and C-3 Road; and

On the Southwest (SW) by centerline of Navotas River (Dagat-Dagatan River);

Containing an area of 396, 345.04 square meters, more or less.

SEC. 3. Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite. – Pursuant to Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code, the new barangay shall exist upon the majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters of Barangay North Bay Boulevard South, Navotas City, 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. 4. Election of Barangay Officials. – Ninety (90) days from the completion of the plebiscite, there shall be an election of Barangay Officials on the respective Barangays North Bay Boulevard South 1, 2 and 3. Until such time that a duly elected and qualified officials of Barangays North Bay Boulevard South 1, 2 and 3 had assumed positions, incumbent Barangay Barangays North Bay Boulevard South officials shall, in the *interim*, oversee the administration thereof.

SEC. 5. Public Infrastructure and Facilities. – All existing public infrastructure and facilities for public use existing at the time of the approval of this

Act shall remain on the respective Barangays of North Bay Boulevard South 1, 2 and 3 to which such public infrastructure and facilities are situated.

SEC. 6. Internal Revenue Allotment Shares. – Barangays North Bay Boulevard South 1, 2 and 3 shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) shares pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) is hereby directed to release immediately succeeding the effectivity of this Act such IRA shares to the respective Barangays of North Bay Boulevard South 1, 2 and 3.

SEC. 7. Appropriations. – The amount necessary to conduct the plebiscite as provided under this Act shall be born by the government of the City of Navotas.

SEC. 8 Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,

Republic of the Philippines
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Quezon City, Metro Manila

Fifteenth Congress
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Minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Local Government held on November 23, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at Conference Room 14-3
15, Ramon Mitra Bldg., House of Representatives, Quezon City

Guests:

1. Hon. Wilhelmino M. Sy-Alvarado, Governor, Province of Bulacan
2. Hon. Daniel Fernando, Vice-Governor, Province of Bulacan
3. Hon. Edward Hagedorn, Mayor, Puerto Princesa City
4. Ms. Ms. Minerva Esquivas, Representative, National Statistics Office (NSO)
5. Mr. Jeremy Nishimon, Representative, League of Cities of the Philippines (LCIP)

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Chairperson, Rep. George P. Arnaiz, called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m. On motion of Rep. Pedro B. Acharon, Jr., duly seconded, the Body dispensed with the calling of the Roll.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2011 MEETING

On motion of Rep. Pedro B. Acharon, Jr., duly seconded, the Body dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the meeting held on October 12, 2011 and approved the same.

III. DELIBERATION ON HOUSE NO. 3450 - "AN ACT SEPARATING THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA FROM THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN TO CONSTITUTE THE ONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA", introduced by REP. VICTORINO DENNIS M. SOCRATES

At the outset, the Chair recognized the presence of Hon. Edward Hagedorn, Mayor, Puerto Princesa City and Rep. Antonio C. Alvarez in the meeting. The Chair then recognized the author of the bill Hon. Victorino Dennis M. Socrates.

Hon. Socrates expressed his gratitude to the Chair for including his bill in the agenda and Mayor Hagedorn for attending the meeting. He stated that Puerto Princesa City was declared a highly-urbanized city in 2007 and is home to the world famous underground river. He further stated that due to the influx of tourism and the booming business in the city that created job opportunities for their people a significant number of migrants have steadily been increasing by day and this may pose some concerns to the city government in the future. He said that it is for this reason that he would like the national government to address the problem by establishing a mechanism that can help the city in providing the necessary infrastructure and extending basic services which can be done by separating the City of Puerto Princesa from the Second Congressional District of Palawan to constitute a lone district. As a lone district, it will have its own budgetary allocation from the national government. However he said, it is not possible since Puerto Princesa City only has a population of around 232,000 based on the unofficial National Statistics Office (NSO) census in 2010. In view of that, he manifested to include the Municipality of Aborlan to be part of the proposed Third Legislative District of Palawan with the City of Puerto Princesa to meet the constitutional requirement on population of at least 250,000 persons. He stated that under the bill the present composition of the First Legislative of Palawan will not be changed and the Second Legislative District will be without Puerto Princesa City and the Municipality of Aborlan as they will comprise the proposed Third Legislative District of Palawan.

The Chair inquired in what district will the Municipality of Aborlan be part of. Hon. Socrates replied that it is part of his Second Legislative District. The Chair then informed the Body that he has the certification of the NSO as of 2007. The Chair inquired whether the NSO already has the result of the 2010 census. Ms. Minerva Esquivas, Representative, National Statistics Office (NSO), replied that they have already submitted the 2010 population count to the Office of the President and they are waiting for the Proclamation of the President. In reply to the query of the Chair on the present population of Palawan based on the 2010 census, Ms. Esquivas replied that using the growth rate of 3.37 the projected population in 2010 of the proposed Third Legislative District, which includes Puerto Princesa City and the Municipality of Aborlan, will be about 263,000 persons which is unofficial since she just computed it a while ago. The Chair said that it is way beyond the official requirement for a city to have a congressional district of 250,000.

Hon. Pedro B. Acharon, Jr. inquired about the projected population of Puerto Princesa City. Ms. Esquivas replied that using the growth rate of 3.68, Puerto Princesa City will have a population of 234,642 in 2010 and the Municipality of Aborlan with a growth rate of 1.25 it will have a population of 29,016 in 2010. She emphasized that this is not an official estimate of NSO. Hon. Acharon proposed that the title of the bill be changed from separation to

reapportionment. The Chair said that the observation of Hon. Acharon is correct and that the author will present to the Body his substitute bill and that copies thereof have been distributed to the Members of the Committee.

Hon. Socarates agreed with the observation of Hon. Acharon and manifested to the Body that the title of the substitute bill will be "An Act Reapportioning the Province of Palawan into Three (3) Legislative Districts". Hon. Acharon then moved for the approval of the substitute bill.

Thereafter the Body approved the substitute bill on House Bill No. 3450.

IV. DELIBERATION ON HOUSE BILL NO. 4885 - "AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE COMPOSITION OF THE THIRD (3RD) AND FOURTH (4TH) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN AND THEREBY CREATING NEW LEGISLATIVES FROM SUCH REAPPORTIONMENT". introduced by REPS. JOSELITO "JONJON" R. MENDOZA AND LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA

Hon. Joselito "Jonjon" R. Mendoza expressed his gratitude to the Chair, Hon. Wilhelmino Sy-Alvarado, Governor, Province of Bulacan and Hon. Daniel Fernando, Vice-Governor, Province of Bulacan, for giving their time to present his bill to the Committee. He manifested that the Body take up House Bill No. 4885 and disregard House Bill No. 5378. He said that he was surprised that two bills were filed on the same subject matter.

Speaking in Filipino, he informed the Body that the population of the Province of Bulacan as of August 1, 2007 is 2.8 million persons and still growing. In the Third Legislative District, the population is 495,234 while the Fourth Legislative District has a population of almost 600,000. He said that more than 50% of the land area of the Province of Bulacan is in the Third Legislative District and this prompted the two Representatives to propose to create the Fifth Legislative District of the Province of Bulacan which will be composed of the Municipalities of Norzagaray and Sta. Maria. This is to assure that the Province of Bulacan will be well represented in the national legislature which will further enhance the conveyance of basic services to their people.

Hon. Acharon inquired from the representative of the NSO on the official population of the Province of Bulacan. Ms. Esquivas replied that based on the official 2007 census population results, the population of the proposed Third Legislative District of Bulacan composed of the Municipalities of Angat, San Ildefonso, San Miguel, San Rafael and Dr. Remedios Trinidad is 389,764 persons. For the proposed Fourth Legislative District composed of the Municipalities of Norzagaray and Sta. Maria the population is 310,728 persons.

Hon. Wilhelmino M. Sy-Alvarado, Governor, Province of Bulacan speaking in Filipino, expressed his gratitude to the Members of the Committee for inviting him and Hon. Daniel Fernando, Vice-Governor, Province of Bulacan to the meeting. He said that he and Vice Governor Fernando are objecting to the bill on the following grounds:

1. It is against equitable representation.
2. Malolos City should be a lone legislative district.
3. The Second Legislative District having a population as of 2007 of 613,251 should be reapportioned into two.
4. The Third Legislative District having a population as of 2007 of 495,234 is qualified to be reapportioned into two.
5. The Fourth Legislative District composed of the Municipalities of Sta. Maria, Obando, Marilao and the City of Meycauayan having a population as of 2007 of 618,000 can be reapportioned. The City of Meycauayan should be a lone legislative district.
6. Why should the Municipality of Norzagaray be separated from its original district and included in the proposed Fourth Legislative District with the Municipality of Sta. Maria?
7. The Mayors of Norzagaray and Sta. Maria were not consulted on the proposed bill. There should be a province wide consultation on the bill.
8. What will happen to the Municipalities of Obando and Marilao if the City of Meycauayan becomes a lone legislative district and the Municipality of Sta. Maria will belong to another district?
9. The reapportionment should be planned and not for political benefit.

He requested the Body to defer consideration of the bill since there was no consultation with the Mayors and the people of the affected municipalities.

Hon. Mendoza, speaking in Filipino, said that that he and Hon. Villarica did not decide in haste in reapportioning the Legislative Districts of the Province of Bulacan. He further said that he consulted Hon. Pedro M. Pancho about the bill but Hon. Pancho declined to include his district in the reapportionment. He and Hon. Villarica believed that now is the time to reapportion their districts. He said that although the Mayors of the affected municipalities were not consulted, he emphasized that it is the right time to create another legislative district composed of the Municipalities of Norzagaray and Sta. Maria.

He then moved for the approval of House Bill No. 4885.

The Chair called for a recess.

Hon. Acharon asked Gov. Alvarado if it will do harm to the province if they will add another legislative district. Gov. Alvarado, speaking in Filipino, replied that in his earlier statement he already said that it will be good for the province but it should be done properly.

Hon. Lani Mercado-Revilla inquired whether the bill has the support of the affected municipalities. Gov. Alvarado replied that there was no consultation made with the Mayors of the affected municipalities. He said the leadership of the province specially the Members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan should be consulted.

Hon. Jerry P. Trenas moved for the approval of the bill considering that the bill has complied with all the requirements and the Body has thoroughly discussed it. Hon. Deogracias B. Ramos, Jr. seconded the motion.

The Chair explained to the Body that he is careful in creating legislative districts, barangays, municipalities, cities and provinces because when the Committee recently created a province, the Committee was subject to newspaper publications that tend to attack the credibility of the Committee. However, in this case he said that whatever the Members of the Committee will vote on, he will stand by them. For purposes of record, he asked each Member of the Committee to vote on the issue and explain his vote. He then asked the Committee Secretary to call the names of each Member of the Committee.

Hon. Pedro S. Acharon, Jr., voted in favor of the bill since the officials of the province said that the bill will enhance the development of the province, the two municipalities are contiguous with each other and the bill have complied with the requirements of the law.

Hon. Joseph Victor G. Ejercito agreed with the statements of the Chair and would like to hear the side of the officials of the province on why they are objecting to the bill. He abstained.

Hon. Roy M. Loyola voted in favor of the bill.

Hon. Deogracias B. Ramos, Jr. believed that any additional district will redound to the benefit of the province so that he voted in the affirmative.

Hon. Mel Senen S. Samiento stated that as long as the bill meets the requisites of law he will vote in the affirmative.

Hon. Tobias "Toby" M. Tiangco voted in the affirmative since the bill followed the provisions of the law.

Hon. Lani Mercado-Revilla abstained since she would like to get the consensus of the affected municipalities.

Hon. Eufanio C. Enguel voted in the affirmative since it has complied with the law and the most affected district is the district of the sponsor and it is his obligation to take care of the interest of his constituents.

Hon. Randolph S. Ting voted in the affirmative since the bill has complied with the requirements of the law and will be good for the Province of Bulacan.

Hon. Jerry P. Trenas voted in the affirmative considering that the bill was sponsored by the representative of the people of the district of Bulacan and he is speaking for and in behalf of the people of his district.

Hon. Mendoza voted in the affirmative.

The Committee Secretary, Luth Myr P. Teoxon, informed the Body that there were nine (9) votes in favor and two (2) abstentions. The Chair then declared the approval of the bill.

V. DELIBERATION ON HOUSE BILL NO. 5024 - "AN ACT DIVIDING THE BARANGAY NORTH BAY BOULEVARD IN NAVOTAS CITY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NORTH BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH 1, NORTH BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH 2, AND NORTH BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH 3", introduced by REP. TOBIAS "TOBY" M. TIANGCO

Hon. Tobias "Toby" M. Tiangco informed the Body that Barangay North Bay Boulevard South is the biggest barangay in Navotas. It has a land area of 1,600,622 square meters and has over one hundred thousand residents. He said that the Barangay Chairman finds it difficult to deliver basic services and it is for this reason that he would like to divide this barangay into three barangays. He said that the bill has the support of the Members of the Barangay Council and has met the requirements of the law.

Thereafter, on motion, duly seconded, the Body approved House Bill No. 5024.

VI. DELIBERATION ON HOUSE BILL NO. 4990 - "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 450 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991, AS AMENDED, ALLOWING THE CONVERSION OF A MUNICIPALITY INTO A COMPONENT CITY IF IT HAS AN ANNUAL AVERAGE INCOME OF AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED MILLION PESOS (P200,000,000) WITHOUT REGARD TO ITS LAND AREA AND POPULATION", introduced by REPS. RUFUS B. RODRIGUEZ, ROY M. LOYOLA AND ERINEO S. MALIKSI

Hon. Rufus B. Rodriguez stated that his bill will allow a municipality that operates like a city because its income is more than a 100 million. Unfortunately, he said their land area and population are small but they are able to provide services and give their inhabitants the essential government services he proposed that the Body should be flexible and progressive in allowing these municipalities to become cities and receive the benefits of a city. This he said will be an exception to the present law. He further said that municipalities having an income of 200 million pesos should be converted into cities.

Hon. Randolph S. Ting inquired whether the Body will allow a municipality to become a city even if it has only a population of only 10,000 persons and an income of 200 million pesos. He proposed that there should still be a cap on the population. Hon. Rodriguez replied that in his bill when a municipality has an income of 200 million pesos even if its land area is below 100 square kilometers and a population below 150,000 then it will become a city because they have so much income that they can be able to support their services for their particular entity citing the case of the Municipality of Camrona.

The Chair inquired about the population of the Municipality of Camrona. Hon. Roy M. Loyola replied that it has a population of 70,000, a land area of 3,092 hectares and an income of 270,000,000 million pesos.

Hon. Lani Mercado Revilla would like to know the positions of the League of Provinces, Cities and Municipalities since she said when a municipality becomes a city it weakens the province. Hon. Loyola believed that to secure the endorsement of the League of Cities is premature since they are not applying to become a city.

Mr. Jeremy Nishimon, Representative, League of Cities, stated that the income requirement as stated in the present law and in the bill is important in ensuring that a city will be in full service to their constituents meaning the specialized services that are required from the city government. He said that they support any increase in the income requirement so that this may further reflect the actual requirements that are needed by a city to deliver the required services that are expected of them by their constituents.

Hon. Jerry P. Trenas said that the minimum population will be the minimum requirement for a municipality. He cited the case of the Municipality of Camrona where it has met the requirement of a municipality so therefore it cannot have a population requirement less than a municipality as provided for under the Local Government Code. He said that under the bill a municipality having an income of 200 million pesos can now be exempted from the general rule of 100 million income, population and land area requirements.

The Chair reminded Hon. Trenas that there are municipalities that have population below 20,000. Hon. Sarmiento proposed that the law that will be passed should be dynamic and will protect the interest of the cities. He fully supports the observation of Hon. Trenas but the municipality should meet the 25,000 requirement on population. The Chair reminded the Body that there is Municipality of Kalayaan in the Province of Palawan that has a population of only 114 persons and the Province of Batanes has only 18,000 voters.

Hon. Rodriguez said that since the League of Cities is amenable to the exception to the 200 million income requirement he proposed to include a provision in the bill that the population should still be at least 25,000.

Hon. Acharon moved for the approval of the bill as amended.

~~Thereafter the Body approved House Bill No. 4990 as amended.~~

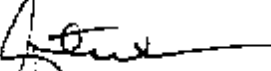
VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other matters to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Prepared by:


DENNIS A. GUEVARA
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Certified correct:


LITO MYR P. TEOXON
Committee Secretary

Noted by:

HON. GEORGE P. ARNAIZ
Chairman

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 5024

(As approved by the Committee on November 23, 2011)

DIVIDING THE BARANGAY NORTH BAY BOULEVARD IN NAVOTAS CITY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY NORTH BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH 1, NORTH BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH 2, AND NORTH BAY BOULEVARD SOUTH 3

Introduced by: Rep. Tobias "Toby" Tiangco

Committee Referral: Local Government

Committee Chairperson: Rep. George P. Amaiz

OBJECTIVES:

- To mitigate future peace and order problems caused by the continuing population growth;
- To ensure better delivery of basic services to the residents of the barangay;

KEY PROVISION:

- Divides Barangay North Bay Boulevard South in Navotas City into three (3) Barangays to be known as Barangay North Bay Boulevard South 1, North Bay Boulevard South 2, and North Bay Boulevard South 3;
- Provides the conduct of a plebiscite, the expense for which shall be borne by the government of the City of Navotas.
- Provides for the conduct of a special election of barangay officials.
- Entitles Barangay Tangos to IRA shares pursuant to section 285 of the Local Government Code.

RELATED LAW:

- Section 285 of Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as "The Local Government Code of 1991".