

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

Sixteenth Congress
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House Bill No. **4554**



Introduced by the Honorable ANN K. HOFER

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare Barangay Masao and Barangay Timbabauan, both in the Municipality of Tungawan, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay, as a government entity created pursuant to Section 285 of the Local Government Code of 1991.

Under the said provision, a barangay may be created, divided, merged, abolished, or its boundaries substantially altered by law or by an ordinance of the local government unit concerned subject to approval through plebiscite. However, the financial requirements of barangays created through ordinance, after the Local Government Code took effect, (as was the case with the above barangays) shall be the responsibility of the local government unit concerned.

As such, these barangays have been existing without receiving a share of the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) to which other barangays in the country are entitled to. Without any other remedy provided in the Local Government Code and in other laws for these situations, this bill seeks to put the abovementioned barangays in equal footing with the rest of the barangays in the country receiving their IRA.

Approval of this bill shall enable these two (2) barangays to receive their just share in the national taxes which will empower them to develop and prosper as self-reliant communities. Receiving their just share from the public coffers will ensure the realization of the barangay being the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects, and activities in the community.

In light of the foregoing, urgent approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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1 AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) BARANGAYS, TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY
2 MASAO AND BARANGAY TIMBABAUAN, RESPECTIVELY, BOTH IN THE
3 MUNICIPALITY OF TUNGAWAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY.

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

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8 **SECTION 1.** *Creation of Barangay Masao.* – There is hereby created a barangay
9 to be known as Barangay Masao in the Municipality of Tungawan, Province of
10 Zamboanga Sibugay.

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12 **SEC. 2.** *Creation of Barangay Timbabauan.* – There is hereby created a
13 barangay to be known as Barangay Timbabuan in the Municipality of Tungawan,
14 Province of Zamboanga Sibugay.

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16 **SEC. 3.** *Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite.* – The plebiscite conducted and
17 supervised by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) pursuant to the respective
18 ordinances enacted and passed by the respective local government units, which
19 ratified the creation of the existing Barangay Masao and Barangay Timbabuan as
20 proclaimed by the Plebiscite Board of Canvassers, shall serve as substantial
21 compliance with the plebiscite requirement under Section 10 of Republic Act No.
22 7160 as amended, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

1 **SEC. 4. *Barangay Officials.*** - The incumbent elected barangay officials of the
2 existing Barangay Masao and Barangay Timbabauan, both in the Municipality of
3 Tungawan, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay, shall continue to hold office until the
4 end of their respective terms of office.

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6 **SEC. 5. *Public Infrastructure and Facilities.*** - All existing public infrastructure
7 and facilities for public use existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act
8 are hereby transferred without cost and compensation to and shall be
9 administered by the new barangay.

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11 **SEC. 6. *Internal Revenue Allotment Share.*** - Barangay Masao and Barangay
12 Timbabauan, both in the Municipality of Tungawan, Province of Zamboanga
13 Sibugay, shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment shares pursuant to Section
14 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of
15 1991.

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17 **SEC. 7. *Effectivity Clause.*** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
18 publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

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