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HOUSE BILL NO. 5272



Introduced by **HON. JOSEPHINE Y. RAMIREZ SATO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

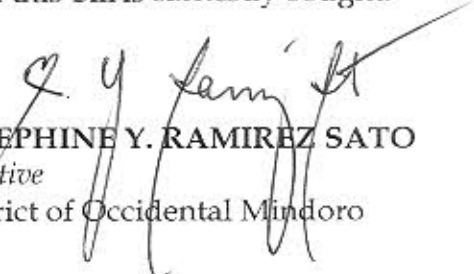
The Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as The Local Government Code of 1991, as amended, was constituted to bring about local autonomy by establishing a more responsive and accountable local government. The whole system is geared towards empowering LGUs to achieve self-reliance and as effective partner in attaining the national goal for development.

As the basic political unity, the barangays serves as the lead planning and implementation arm of the government. Creation of such upon proper compliance with the requirements of the Constitution and Local Government Code will enable the local governments to efficiently and effectively perform their respective responsibility and functions as an autonomous unit.

The geographic location and topography of the Sitios Amatang, Sto. Tomas, Guiginto, Balagnan, Iba, and Aagsigang to the main Barangay make it hard for the basic government services and security to reach the populace living in these areas. The creation of Barangay Sta. Maria is a result of people's desire to make growth, development, and services apt to the needs of the people.

This bill has been filed pursuant to the Provincial Resolution No. 124, Series of 2013 and the ratification of the Plebiscite Board of Canvassers with C.E.F. No. 26, all in support to the creation of Brgy. Sta. Maria is a proof of unified decision of the people, and compliance to government requirements making this possible.

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


Hon. JOSEPHINE Y. RAMIREZ SATO
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"AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY STA. MARIA IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ABRA DE ILOG, PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO"

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

Section 1. *Creation* – The six (6) Sitios of Amatang, Sto. Tomas, Guiginto, Balagnan, Iba, and Aagsigang up to the boundary of Sitio Tinungko is hereby separated from Barangay Wawa and constituted to be known as Barangay Sta. Maria in the Municipality of Abra de Ilog, Province of Occidental Mindoro.

Section 2. *Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite* – The plebiscite conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) in Barangay Wawa pursuant Provincial Resolution No. 124, Series of 2013 of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Occidental Mindoro, which ratified the creation of Barangay Sta. Maria as proclaimed by The Plebiscite Board of Canvassers on 13th of September 2013 shall serve as valid compliance with the plebiscite requirement under Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as "The Local Government Code of 1991," as amended.

Section 3. *Barangay Officials* – The elected officials of Barangay Sta. Maria shall continue to hold office until such time that their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

Section 4. *Public Infrastructure and Facilities* – All existing 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.

Section 5. *Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) Shares* - Barangay Sta. Maria shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) shares pursuant to Section 285 of the Local Government Code of 1991.

Section 6. *Effectivity* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,