



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
QUEZON CITY

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2ND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. **5830**

Introduced by Honorable ISAGANI S. AMATONG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to create a new Municipality from out of the Municipality of Sibuco in the province of Zamboanga del Norte. It will be named the Municipality of Lintangan, and will comprise Ten (10) Barangays embracing a total land area of about thirty thousand hectares (30,000 has.) more or less. Its seat of Government shall be established at Barangay Lintangan.

The Municipality of Sibuco has a total land area of about seventy eight thousand two hundred fifty four (78,254 has.) hectares, the biggest in the entire province of Zamboanga del Norte. Among the twenty five towns, excluding the Cities of Dipolog and Dapitan, the southernmost town of Sibuco shares comparatively a larger Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA). Yet such share, given its vast area of coverage and corresponding local government structure and manpower, is deemed grossly inadequate to deliver the expected government basic services. This condition has, over the years, resulted in poor infrastructures and a state of massive under-development in the Lintangan area.

The creation of Lintangan Municipality will be advantageous to both the Municipalities of Sibuco and Lintangan. Sibuco will still remain as a premier municipality in Zamboanga del Norte while Lintangan will be given the opportunity to bring about a local government closer to its constituents, more efficient and effective in delivering basic services and embark on socio-economic development program as well as infrastructures deemed essential in the light of the ASEAN Economic Community.

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


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AN ACT
CREATING THE MUNICIPALITY OF LINTANGAN IN THE PROVINCE OF
ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE

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

Section 1. Creation - There is hereby created a new municipality from out of the municipality of Sibuco in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte to be known as the Municipality of Lintangan.

Section 2. Seat of Municipal Government - The seat of government of the new Municipality of Lintangan shall be in the old Barangay Lintangan which will henceforth be renamed as Barangay Poblacion, Lintangan, Zamboanga del Norte.

Section 3. Territorial Boundaries - The Municipality of Lintangan as herein created, composed of Barangays Limpapa, Lingayon, Bongalao, Malayal, Lintangan Paniran, Sto. Nino, Tangarak, Lunday, and Litawan, all in the municipality of Sibuco, Province of Zamboanga del Norte, has the following technical descriptions:

“Bounded on the North by Lumayang Point of the Municipality of Sibuco as corner 1; thence, following the coast of Sulu Sea on the West until the mouth of Patalon River of the City of Zamboanga on the South as corner 2; on the East by the City of Zamboanga as corner 3; and thence from corner 1 due East until it reaches the

Zamboanga City boundary as corner 4, containing an area of Thirty Thousand (30,000) hectares, more or less”;

The foregoing provision shall be without prejudice to the resolution by the appropriate agency or forum of any boundary dispute or case involving question of territorial jurisdiction between the Province of Zamboanga del Norte and the adjoining local government units (LGUs): Provided, however, That the territorial jurisdiction of the disputed area or areas shall remain with the LGU, which has existing administrative supervision over said area or areas until the final resolution of the case..

Section 4. Plebiscite - The Municipality of Lintangan shall acquire corporate existence upon the ratification of its creation by a majority of the votes cast by qualified voters in a plebiscite to be conducted in the barangays comprising the Municipality of Lintangan pursuant to Section 3 hereof, and in the Municipality of Sibuco, Province of Zamboanga del Norte within thirty (30) days from approval of this Act.

The Commission of Elections shall conduct and supervise such plebiscite.

Section 5. Officials of the Municipality of Lintangan - Upon ratification of its creation by a majority of the votes cast by qualified voters in a plebiscite, the mayor, vice mayor and the members of the sangguniang bayan shall be appointed by the President of the Republic of the Philippines, in consultation with the representative of the congressional district and the provincial governor, and shall serve until the new set of officials shall have been elected and qualified in the next local elections following the approval of this act.

Section 6. Internal Revenue Allotment Shares – During the first year of acquisition of its corporate existence, the Municipality of Lintangan shall receive the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) shares of barangays as provided in section 3 hereof from the Department of Budget and Management. Thereafter, the Municipality Lintangan and all the barangays comprising it shall be entitled to IRA shares pursuant to the provision of Section 285 of Republic act no. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

Section 7. Appropriations. –The amount necessary to conduct such plebiscite as provide for under this Act shall be borne proportionately by the Municipality of Sibuco and the barangays comprising the new Municipality of Lintangan.

Section 8. Repealing Clause. – All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 9. Effectivity – This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.