

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8330



Introduced by Representative FLORIDA “RIDA” P. ROBES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the exercise of his powers under the Constitution and the statutes, HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE issued on the 4th day of December 2020 Presidential Proclamation No. 1057 s. 2020. Entitled CONVERSION OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, BULACAN INTO A HIGHLY-URBANIZED CITY, the President proclaimed the City of San Jose del Monte as a highly-urbanized city, in recognition of the fact that the it has met the minimum requirements prescribed under Section 452 of RA No. 7160 for it to be classified as highly-urbanized, and pursuant to the declared policy of the government to support the initiatives of local governments to attain their fullest development as self-reliant communities, and make them effective partners in the attainment of national goals.

As a proviso, it was provided that the proclamation shall take effect only upon ratification in a plebiscite by the qualified voters therein, as provided for in Section 453 of the Local Government Code.

Under Section 449, plebiscites are held within one hundred twenty (120) days from effectivity of the proclamation.

With the pandemic caused by SARS COVID-19, the normal timeframe and execution of processes are affected and undeniably delayed. Also, the resources and tax collections are likewise adversely affected. Appropriate measures therefore need be instituted in order to achieve the objectives of the laws. It is on the foregoing notes that the undersigned is fervently seeking the approval of this bill so that the objectives of the law shall not be defeated by the adverse effects of the present global malady, but be properly executed.


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AN ACT
EXTENDING THE PERIOD FOR THE CONDUCT OF PLEBISCITE FOR THE
RATIFICATION OF PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 1057 S. 2020 OF HIS
EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE DECLARING THE CITY
OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE AS A HIGHLY URBANIZED CITY, AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Date of Plebiscite. – The plebiscite for the ratification of the Presidential Proclamation No. 1057, s. 2020 dated 4th day of December, 2020, declaring the City of San Jose del Monte, Bulacan as a highly-urbanized city shall be conducted and synchronized with the 2022 National and Local Elections, by including the same in the ballots for the City of San Jose del Monte, Bulacan.

SECTION 2. Funding for the conduct of Plebiscite. – The appropriate funding for the conduct of plebiscite shall be included in the 2022 budget for the Commission on Elections.

SECTION 3. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. Effectivity Clause. – This act shall take effect upon its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,