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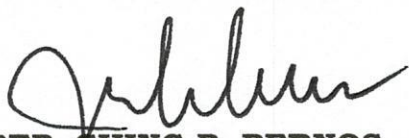
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks the division of Barangay Poblacion in the Municipality of La Paz, Province of Abra into two (2) distinct and independent barangays to be known as Barangay North Poblacion and Barangay South Poblacion.

Barangay Poblacion is the most populous barangay among 303 barangay in the Province of Abra. The division is borne out of the desire to improve the delivery of basic government services to the people. Moreover, the people are clamoring for the effective management of its resources through their own ways that will be beneficial for their development.

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


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

SECTION 1. *Division of Barangay Poblacion.* Barangay Poblacion in the Municipality of La Paz, Province of Abra is hereby divided into two (2) distinct and independent barangays to be known as (1) Barangay North Poblacion and (2) Barangay South Poblacion.

Sec. 2. *Territorial Boundaries.* The boundaries of the two (2) barangays shall be determined by the Municipal Planning and Development Office and the Municipal Assessor's Office.

Sec. 3. *Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite.* The new barangays shall exist upon the approval by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters in a plebiscite to be conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) in the areas affected, within one hundred twenty (120) days from the effectivity of this Act. The expenses for the plebiscite shall be borne by the Municipality of La Paz, Abra.

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

The COMELEC shall conduct and supervise the special elections to be held in Barangay North Poblacion and Barangay South Poblacion in the Municipality of La Paz, Abra within sixty (60) days after the ratification of this Act in a plebiscite.

The expenses for such special elections shall be borne by the Municipality of La Paz, Abra.

Sec. 5. *Incumbent Barangay Officials.* The incumbent officials of Barangay Poblacion shall continue to hold office and administer Barangay North Poblacion and Barangay South Poblacion until such time that the officials of the newly created barangays have been duly elected and qualified.

Sec. 6. *Public Infrastructures and Facilities.* All existing public infrastructures and facilities for public use within the designated territories of the new barangays at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or compensation to and shall be administered by them.

Sec. 8. *Internal Revenue Allotment Shares.* Barangay North Poblacion and Barangay South Poblacion in the Municipality of La Paz shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment shares pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, also known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

Sec. 9. *Effectivity Clause.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,