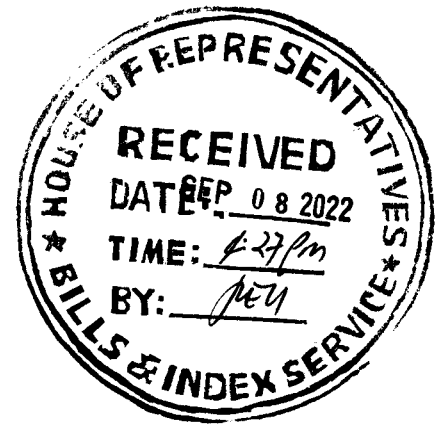


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IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF POLOMOLOK,
PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO**

Introduced by: **REPRESENTATIVE ISIDRO D. LUMAYAG**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the official creation of Barangay Pagalungan in the Municipality of Polomolok, Province of South Cotabato. A similar bill was filed during the Eighteenth Congress.

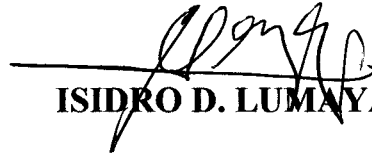
Barangay Pagalungan is one of the barangays of Polomolok, South Cotabato. It came into existence through Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) Ordinance No. 02, Series of 1995, as amended by SP Ordinance No. 04, Series of 1995. It has an area of 735 hectares. Its population as determined by the 2020 Census is 3,215, which represents 1.86% of the total population of Polomolok.

Barangay Pagalungan had been functioning as a regular local government unit since its existence. It served and continues to serve its constituents, it regularly elects and appoints its officers and employees, it implemented relevant public service projects and programs, and had acquired assets and liabilities.

However, since Barangay Pagalungan was not officially created through a statute, it is not receiving any annual Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) from the National Government. It merely relies on the financial aid extended by the municipal and provincial governments.

Considering that Barangay Pagalungan had substantially met all requirements set forth by law and as it had been functioning as a regular local government unit since its existence, it becomes necessary for it to be officially recognized and created as a barangay. The official creation of Barangay Pagalungan shall entitle it to receive its just share of the national wealth in the form of IRA, thereby upholding its right for self-determination and further strengthening its capacity to serve its constituency. It is also the desire of the people of Barangay Pagalungan to be self-reliant and have their own identity.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this measure 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. *Official Creation of Barangay Pagalungan* – Barangay Pagalungan in the Municipality of Polomolok, Province of South Cotabato, is hereby officially created as a barangay, and therefore retains its identity based on its permanent natural boundaries. Its metes and bounds shall be surveyed and specifically determined, the cost of which shall be borne by the local government units concerned.

SECTION 2. *Public Infrastructure, Assets, and Facilities.* – All public infrastructure, assets, and facilities owned by Barangay Pagalungan, Municipality of Polomolok, Province of South Cotabato shall be retained by it.

SECTION 3. *Incumbent Barangay Officials.* – The incumbent barangay officials of Barangay Pagalungan, Municipality of Polomolok, Province of South Cotabato shall continue to hold office until such time that their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 4. *Internal Revenue Allotment Shares.* – Barangay Pagalungan, Municipality of Polomolok, Province of South Cotabato shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) shares pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the “Local Government Code of 1991.”

SECTION 5. *Plebiscite.* – The plebiscite conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) on 29 July 1995, pursuant to Provincial Ordinance No. 02, Series of 1995, as amended by Provincial Ordinance No. 04, Series of 1995, which accordingly ratified the creation of Barangay Pagalungan shall serve as substantial compliance with the plebiscite requirement required by law.

SECTION 6. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

APPROVED,