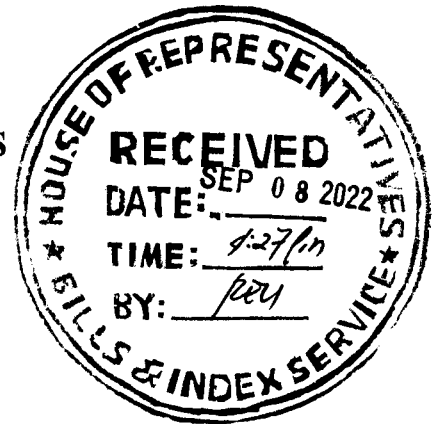


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House Bill No. **4611**



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PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO**

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

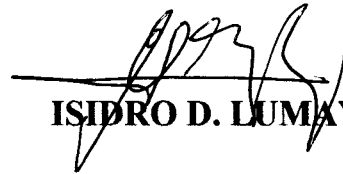
Barangay Santa Cruz is one of the barangays of Tampakan, South Cotabato. It came into existence through Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 122, Series of 2001, and succeeding Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution Nos. 13 and 170, both Series of 2001. It has an area of 468 hectares. Its population as determined by the 2020 Census is 3,016, which represents 7.35% of the total population of Tampakan. From 2015-2020, its population growth rate is at 5.66 %, one of the highest among the barangays of the Municipality.

Barangay Santa Cruz 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 various public service projects and programs, and had acquired assets and liabilities.

However, since Barangay Santa Cruz was not created by law, 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 Santa Cruz had substantially met all requirements set forth by law and it had been functioning as a regular local government unit since its existence, it becomes necessary and practicable for it to be officially recognized and created as a barangay. The official creation of Barangay Santa Cruz, Tampakan, South Cotabato 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.

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 Santa Cruz* – Barangay Santa Cruz, Municipality of Tampakan, Province of South Cotabato, is hereby officially created as a barangay, and therefore retain its identity based on its more or less permanent natural boundaries described as follows:

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
1-2	S 29 55' E	70 mts
2-3	S 60 5' W	15 mts
3-4	S 60 5' W	16 mts
4-5	S 29 55' E	30 mts
5-6	S 60 5' W	4 mts
6-7	N 29 55' W	30 mts
7-8	S 60 5' W	15 mts
8-9	N 29 55' W	70 mts
9-10	N 60 5' E	50 mts

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

SECTION 3. *Incumbent Barangay Officials.* – The incumbent barangay officials of Barangay Santa Cruz, Municipality of Tampakan, 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 Santa Cruz, Municipality of Tampakan, 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 30 June 2003 pursuant to Section II of Provincial Ordinance No. 04, Series of 2001, which accordingly ratified the creation of Barangay Santa Cruz, 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,