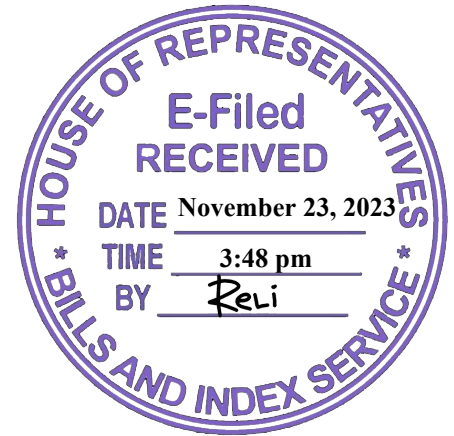




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HOUSE BILL NO. 9619

Introduced by
REPRESENTATIVE PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ

AN ACT
CREATING A TRIBAL BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS
BARANGAY NASILABAN FROM THE EXISTING ANCESTRAL
DOMAIN IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TALAINGOD, PROVINCE
OF DAVAO DEL NORTE

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

Under the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA) of 1997, particularly under the Chapter on the Right to Self-Governance and Empowerment, “The indigenous cultural communities (ICCs)/indigenous peoples (IPs) living in contiguous areas where they form the predominant population but which are located in municipalities, provinces, or cities where they do not constitute the majority of the population, may form or constitute a separate barangay in accordance with the Local Government Code on the creation of tribal barangays.”

Under Sec. 386, R.A. No. 7160, the Local Government Code provides that “To enhance the delivery of basic services in the indigenous cultural communities, barangays may be created in such communities by an Act of Congress”, notwithstanding the population requirement of at least two thousand (2, 000) inhabitants.

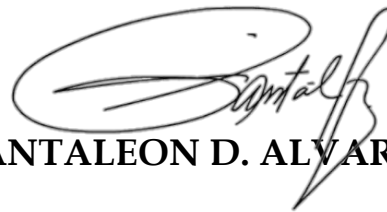
In the case of the Municipality of Talaingod, an area classified as timberland was declared as Ancestral Domain of Langilan-Ata Manobo Tribe as certified by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP). The timberland area contains 19, 330 households, 19, 627

registered voters and a population of 65,344 is predominantly populated by the Langilan-Ata Manobo tribe where a “Tribal Council” currently leads the community.

This Council passed in 2022 a Resolution requesting the undersigned to facilitate the creation of a Tribal Barangay from the proposed barangays of Tibi-tibi, Cabadiangan, Mesolong, Lumabag, Nasilaban, Natulinan, and Tibucag. The Resolution stated, among others, that “such creation is intended to uplift the Langilan-Ata Manobo tribe’s political self-determination.”

This Resolution has in turn been supported and endorsed by the Municipal Council of Talaingod, the Ata-Manobo Tribal Council of Elders/Leaders, the Ancestral Domain Management Office, and the Indigenous Political Structure of Talaingod.

In support of the Indigenous Peoples’ right to self-determination, the realization of their rightful aspirations, and sustainable development in the said area, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

SECTION 1. *Creation.* – Tribal Barangay Nasilaban is hereby created out of the existing ancestral domain classified by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) in the Municipality of Talaingod, Province of Davao Del Norte. The creation of the said Tribal Barangay is in recognition of aspirations and self-determination of the predominant Langilan-Ata Manobo tribal population in the ancestral mentioned to enhance the delivery of basic services to the said tribal population.

SECTION 2. *Territory.* – The territorial jurisdiction or metes and bound of Barangay Nasilaban to be created shall be the same as that of the territorial jurisdiction of the existing ancestral domain in the Municipality of Talaingod, Davao Del Norte.

SECTION 3. *Plebiscite.* – The creation of Barangay Nasilaban in the Municipality of Talaingod shall take effect when approved by a majority of the votes cast in a plebiscite called for the purpose in the existing ancestral domain in the Municipality of Talaingod. Said plebiscite shall be conducted within one (1) month from the date of effectivity of this law.

SECTION 4. *Public Infrastructures and Facilities.* – All existing public infrastructures and facilities for public use existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or compensation to and shall be administered by the new barangay.

SECTION 5. *National Tax Allotment Share.* – Barangay Nasilaban shall be entitled to National Tax Allotment shares pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* – If any part of provision of this Act be considered as unconstitutional, the remaining parts not affected shall remain valid and in full effect.

SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,