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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 10368



Introduced by Representative Joseph Gilbert F. Violago

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the creation of a new barangay to be known as Barangay Binbin in the Municipality of Carranglan, Province of Nueva Ecija, to be composed of the Sitios of Binbin, Diano, Bulac, Calisitan, and Panggacayan, separating them from the mother barangay, Barangay General Luna.

The Municipality of Carranglan is composed of seventeen (17) barangays. Barangay General Luna is inhabited mostly by the indigenous tribes. However, due to the distance from the barangay proper, the indigenous peoples situated in the five sitios (Binbin, Diano, Bulac, Calisitan, and Panggacayan) do not have sufficient access to basic goods and services.

To date, the combined population of the five (5) sitios is seven hundred ninety (790) – falling short of the two thousand (2,000) minimum population requirement under Section 386 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991. However, despite not reaching the minimum, the same law allows for an exemption, that is, notwithstanding the population, requirement barangays may be created in indigenous cultural communities by an act of Congress. Moreover, according to Section 18 of Republic Act No. 8371, otherwise known as the Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act of 1997, the indigenous cultural communities/indigenous peoples living in contiguous areas or communities 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.

The indigenous peoples residing in the five (5) sitios are clamoring for institutional support, access to government services, and holistic development. For this reason, the creation of a new barangay, Barangay Binbin, shall promote their best interests, preserve their identity and culture, and protect their rights. This will also allow them to use their own Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) as they see fit – thus, fostering growth in the community.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Violago', with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

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AN ACT
SEPARATING THE SITIOS OF BINBIN, DIANO, BULAC, CALISITAN,
AND PANGGACAYAN FROM BARANGAY GENERAL LUNA IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF CARRANGLAN, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA AND
CONSTITUTING IT INTO A DISTINCT AND INDEPENDENT BARANGAY
TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY BINBIN

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

SECTION 1. *Creation of Barangay Binbin.* – The sitios of Binbin, Diano, Bulac, Calisitan, and Panggacayan are hereby separated from Barangay General Luna in the Municipality of Carranglan, Province of Nueva Ecija to constitute it into a distinct and independent barangay to be known as Barangay Binbin.

SECTION 2. *Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite.* – Pursuant to Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the new Barangay Binbin shall come into existence upon the affirmation of the majority of the votes cast in a plebiscite to be conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections in Barangay General Luna in the Municipality of Carranglan, Province of Nueva Ecija, within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act.

The expenses for the plebiscite shall be borne by the Municipality of Carranglan, Province of Nueva Ecija.

SECTION 3. *Barangay Officials.* – The first set of barangay officials of Barangay Binbin shall be appointed by the Municipal Mayor of Carranglan, Nueva Ecija and shall hold office until such time that the new set of officers have been duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 4. *Public Infrastructure and Facilities.* – All public infrastructure and facilities 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 Binbin.

SECTION 5. *Internal Revenue Allotment Shares.* – Barangay Binbin shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) shares pursuant to Section 285 of the Local Government Code of 1991, as amended.

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,