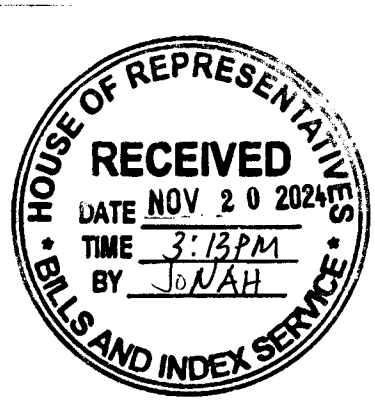
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NINETEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 11119

Introduced by **Representative Jaime R. Fresnedi**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to correct a seeming ineffective provision of Republic Act No. 7160, or the Local Government Code (LGC), when it comes to renaming barangays. Section 13 of the LGC gives cities and municipalities the power to pass ordinances to change the name of barangays within their jurisdiction, provided that the change is done in consultation with the National Historical Commission and is ratified by a plebiscite of affected residents. However, even when ratified in a plebiscite, the existence of a national law which created or previously renamed the barangay in question prevents national government agencies from using the ratified name, except when provided for by another national law.

This situation effectively curtails the power provided by the LGC to the city or municipality, as the change does not take effect at all due to the use of a different name by national government agencies. This can create confusion, where a barangay's customary name is different from its official name, depending on the source.

This bill resolves this conundrum by explicitly stating that the renaming is considered effective once ratified by a plebiscite and providing a mechanism for implementation among national government agencies.

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

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AN ACT RATIONALIZING THE POWERS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO RENAME BARANGAYS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE"

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

SECTION 1. Section 13 of Republic Act No. 7160 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 13. Naming of Local Government Units and Public Places, Streets and Structures.

"x x x x x

"(g) The change of name of any local government unit shall be effective only upon ratification in a plebiscite conducted for the purpose in the political unit directly affected. **THE RATIFICATION SHALL HAVE THE EFFECT OF AMENDING THE NAME OF THE BARANGAY AS MENTIONED IN EXISTING ACTS.** In any change of name, the Office of the President, the representative of the legislative district concerned, **THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DILG), THE PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY,** and the Bureau of Posts shall be notified.

"(H) THE DILG SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INFORMING ALL INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CHANGE, WHICH THEY SHALL IMPLEMENT NOT MORE THAN NINETY (90) DAYS AFTER RATIFICATION."

SEC. 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The DILG, in cooperation and consultation with all relevant government agencies, shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act within six (6) months from its effectivity.

SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All Acts, Presidential Decrees, Executive Orders and Administrative Orders, Rules and Regulations and other such issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,