



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



TWENTIETH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

House Bill No. 632

Introduced by **Representative EDUARDO R. RAMA, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Enshrined in the 1987 Constitution is the principle of local autonomy which is enjoyed by our local government units. Autonomy has been defined by the Supreme Court as the “decentralization of administration.” Borrowing the words from one of the Court’s decisions, autonomy makes local governments “ensure their fullest development as self-reliant communities” and “relieves the central government of the burden of managing local affairs.”¹

In 2010, the Cebu City Council approved² an ordinance³ renaming the Bitlang Integrated School to Sudlon 1 Integrated School upon the proposal of the Barangay Council of *Brgy. Sudlon*. The rationale for the move is that the present name only represents *Sitio Bitlang*, which is located in *Brgy. Sudlon*, as opposed to the entire barangay. The community, through their Barangay Council, decided that Sudlon 1 Integrated School better represents the constituents whom the school serves. In addition to this, the request to rename the school was favorably endorsed by the Local School Board at that time in line with the agreement among its members to rename all schools within their jurisdiction after the barangay where such school is located.

¹ *Limbona v. Mangelin et. al.*, G.R. No. 80391, February 28, 1981.

² Cebu City Council Resolution No. 12-1248-2010

³ *Cebu City Ordinance 2253 s. 2010*

It has been more than a decade since the passage of the ordinance but the school has yet to be renamed. In recognition of the authority of the local governments of Cebu City and *Brgy. Sudlon* to resolve local matters and in support of the consensus of our constituents in *Brgy. Sudlon*, the undersigned, has filed this measure seeking to rename the Bitlang Integrated School located in Brgy. Sudlon, Cebu City to Sudlon 1 Integrated School.

For the foregoing reasons, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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REP. EDUARDO R. RAMA, JR.

2nd District, Cebu City



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House Bill No. **632**

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**AN ACT RENAMING THE BITLANG INTEGRATED SCHOOL
LOCATED IN BARANGAY SUDLON, CEBU CITY, AS SUDLON 1
INTEGRATED SCHOOL**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Bitlang Integrated School, which is under the direct supervision of
2 the Department of Education, and located in Barangay Sudlon, Cebu City is hereby
3 renamed as the Sudlon 1 Integrated School.

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5 **SECTION 2.** All assets, real and personal, personnel and records of the Bitlang
6 Integrated School, as well as liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to Sudlon
7 1 Integrated School upon effectivity of this Act.

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9 All regular and existing positions shall be retained, with the rights and security of tenure
10 of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the
11 effectivity of this Act.

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13 **SECTION. 3.** All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof
14 which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
15 accordingly.

SECTION. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,