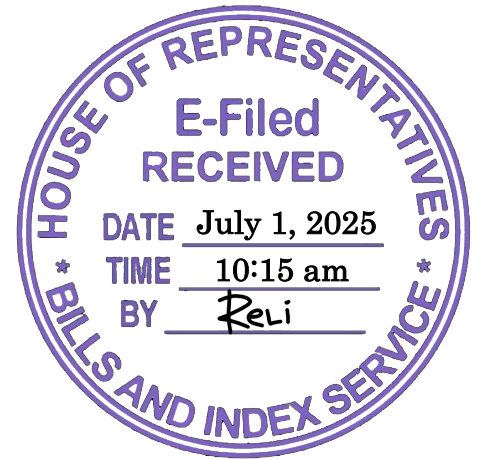




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House Bill No. **733**

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*Introduced by* **Representative SOLOMON R. CHUNGALAO**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This house measure was originally filed in the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress as House Bill No. 5699 on December 4, 2019 and was refiled on July 19, 2022 as House Bill No. 2136 in the 19<sup>th</sup> Congress.

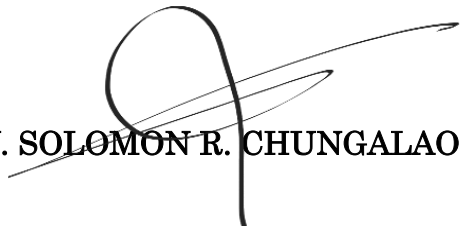
RA 7160 otherwise known as “The Local Government Code of 1991”, as amended, was enacted precisely to breathe life into the constitutional mandate of local autonomy by establishing a more responsive and accountable local government structure instituted through an efficient system of decentralization. Essentially, this system is geared towards empowering local government units to achieve their full development as self-reliant communities, making them more effective and meaningful partners in the attainment of the nation’s goals.

As a basic political unit, the barangay serves as the vanguard of providing a wide array of frontline basic and essential services to the citizens and to the community. It acts as the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, projects and activities in the community and as a forum wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, crystallized and considered as stated under Section 384 of the Local Government Code.

Given this, the creation of barangays, upon proper compliance with the requirements set by the Constitution and the Local Government Code, thus only serves to bolster the capability of local governments to efficiently and effectively perform their respective functions, duties and responsibilities in the name of autonomy, decentralization and national growth and prosperity.

The indigenous people of Sitio Cocoy are deprived from privileges being enjoyed by most of their neighbors due to the geographically disadvantaged location of their place that is hindered by towering mountains that it would take hours for people to travel and participate on activities imposed by the mother barangay. In order to let the people of Cocoy feel that they are not discounted from society, separating their sitio from its mother barangay, Barangay Tukucan, and creating it as an independent regular barangay is a chance of a lifetime given to its people to attain self-determination and self-governance towards progress and meaningful development.

The kind and favorable support of the Members of the Congress for the prompt and timely passage of this measure is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT**  
**CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY COCOY IN THE**  
**MUNICIPALITY OF TINOC, PROVINCE OF IFUGAO, AND APPROPRIATING**  
**FUNDS THEROF**

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

**SECTION 1. *Creation of Barangay Cocoy.*** – Sitio Cocoy in barangay Tukucan, municipality of Tinoc, province of Ifugao is hereby separated and constituted into an independent regular barangay to be known as Barangay Cocoy.

**SECTION 2. *Territorial Boundaries.*** – The technical description of Barangay Cocoy in the East shall be, from Agah-Akki to the tri-boundary monument of Barangays Tukucan, Binablayan and the Tulludan at Mt. Guibel, all in the municipality of Tinoc, province of Ifugao. In the South, from Agah-Akki passing through Baay, Napu, Habit and Mahapilaw National Road then to the road crossing at Munsoyosoy until the existing and recognized boundary line of the province of Benguet and the province of Ifugao. In the West, the existing and recognized boundary line between the provinces of Benguet and Ifugao which is the ridge of Mt. Pulag to Mt. Data in Mountain Province. In the North, from the tri-boundary monument at Mount Guibel following the existing boundary line of Barangay Tukucan to the boundary of Barangays Tulludan and Ahin all in the municipality of Tinoc, province of Ifugao.

Barangay Cocoy shall consist of the following sitios to wit:

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| 1. Natpugan         | 6. Natalag   |
| 2. Maleteng         | 7. Mahapilaw |
| 3. Paltog Balitonog | 8. Luta-an   |

4. Amdalagan
5. Palinta-ang

9. Baltik
10. Bimuhyot

**SECTION 3. *Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite.*** – Pursuant to Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the new barangay shall exist upon the majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters in a plebiscite to be conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) in the affected area, within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act.

**SECTION 4. *Barangay Officials.*** – The first set of officials of the said barangay shall be appointed by the Governor of Ifugao and shall hold office until such time that their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

**SECTION 5. *Public Infrastructure and Facilities.*** – All existing public infrastructures and facilities for public use existing therein at the same time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or compensation and shall be administered by the new barangay.

**SECTION 6. *Internal Revenue Allotment Shares.*** – Barangay Cocoy 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 7. *Separability Clause.*** – If, for any reason, any part or provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

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

*Approved,*