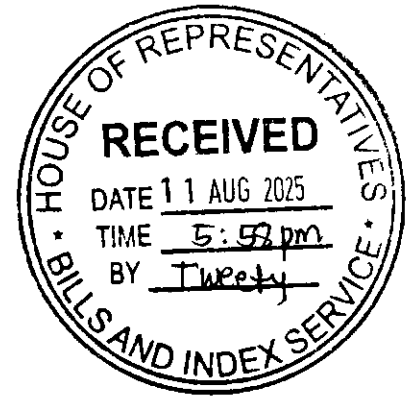




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HOUSE BILL NO. 3504

Introduced by **Representative Francisco T. Matugas**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create a new barangay to be known as Barangay Kapihan, to be carved from the existing Barangay Sering in the Municipality of Socorro, Surigao del Norte. The primary purpose of this measure is to enhance the delivery of basic services, improve local governance, and promote the overall welfare of the residents in the concerned area.

The creation of Barangay Kapihan is a necessary and timely measure. Residents in the area currently face challenges in accessing essential government services, such as health centers, social welfare programs, and local government offices. By establishing Barangay Kapihan, a dedicated local government unit will be able to set up its own facilities and services, bringing governance closer to the people and significantly reducing travel time and costs for its residents.

The proposed area for Barangay Kapihan possesses unique economic opportunities. A separate barangay government will be better positioned to harness these resources, secure funding for local development projects, and create policies that foster economic growth tailored to the area's strengths. This will stimulate local employment and contribute to the economic prosperity of the entire municipality.

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

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**AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
SOCORRO, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS
BARANGAY KAPIHAN**

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

1 SECTION 1. *Creation of Barangay Kapihan.* - Sitio Kapihan in Barangay
2 Sering, Municipality of Socorro, Surigao del Norte is hereby separated from
3 Barangay Sering and constituted into a new barangay to be known as Barangay
4 Kapihan.

5 SEC. 2. *Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite.* - The Commission on
6 Elections (COMELEC) shall conduct and supervise the plebiscite to be held in
7 Barangay Kapihan, within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act. The
8 Municipality of Socorro shall shoulder the expenses for such plebiscite.

9 SEC. 3. *Appointment of Interim Barangay Officials.* - There shall be a
10 Punong Barangay, seven (7) Sangguniang Barangay members, a Sangguniang
11 Kabataan chairman, and seven (7) Sangguniang Kabataan members in the newly
12 created barangay which shall be appointed by the Mayor. Such barangay officials
13 shall serve until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

14 SEC. 4. *Public Infrastructures and Facilities.* - All public infrastructures
15 and facilities existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby

1 transferred without cost or compensation to and shall be administered by the new
2 barangay.

3 SEC. 5. *National Tax Allotment Shares.* - Barangay Kapihan shall be
4 entitled to National Tax Allotment shares pursuant to Section 285 of the Local
5 Government Code of 1991, as amended.

6 SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules, and
7 regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
8 accordingly.

9 SEC. 7. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
10 publication in the Official gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

11 Approved,