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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL No. 5445



Introduced by: **REPRESENTATIVE ISIDRO D. LUMAYAG**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the official creation of Barangay Pagalungan in the Municipality of Polomolok, Province of South Cotabato.

A similar measure was filed during the 18th and 19th Congress, recognizing that Barangay Pagalungan had been established through Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) Ordinance No. 02, Series of 1995, as amended by SP Ordinance No. 04, Series of 1995. The barangay covers an area of approximately 735 hectares and had a population of 3,215 as recorded in the 2020 Census, which represents 1.86% of Polomolok's total population.

Barangay Pagalungan has been functioning as a regular local government unit since its establishment. It serves and continues to serve its constituents, regularly elects and appoints its officers and employees, implements relevant public service projects and programs, and has acquired assets and liabilities.

However, since Barangay Pagalungan was not officially created through a statute, it does not receive any annual National Tax Allotment (NTA) from the National Government. It merely relies on the financial aid extended by the municipal and provincial governments.

Considering that Barangay Pagalungan had substantially met all requirements set forth by law and as it had been functioning as a regular local government unit since its existence, it becomes necessary for it to be officially recognized and created as a barangay. The official creation Barangay Pagalungan shall entitle it to receive its just share of the national wealth in the form of NTA, thereby upholding its right to self-determination and further strengthening its capacity to serve its constituency. It is also the desire of the people of Barangay Pagalungan to be self-reliant and have their own identity.

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


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AN ACT
OFFICIALLY CREATING BARANGAY PAGALUNGAN IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF POLOMOLOK, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO

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

SECTION 1. *Official Creation of Barangay Pagalungan.* Sitio Pagalungan, Barangay Lumakil in the Municipality of Polomolok, Province of South Cotabato, was separated from Barangay Lumakil and constituted as a district and independent barangay, to be known as Barangay Pagalungan.

SECTION 2. *Territorial Boundaries.* The territorial boundaries of Barangay Pagalungan shall consist of permanent natural boundaries identified as follows:

“On the North, by Barangay Lapu, Polomolok, South Cotabato;
On the East, by Barangay Rubber, Polomolok, South Cotabato;
On the West, by Barangay Lamcaliaf, Polomolok, South Cotabato; and
On the South, Barangay Poblacion, South Cotabato.”

SECTION 3. *Public Infrastructure, Assets and Facilities.* All public infrastructure, assets, and facilities owned by Barangay Pagalungan, Municipality of Polomolok, South Cotabato shall be retained by it.

SECTION 4. *Incumbent Barangay Officials.* The incumbent barangay officials of Barangay Pagalungan shall continue to perform their duties and hold office until such time that their duly elected successors have been elected and qualified in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. *Internal Revenue Allotment Shares.* Barangay Pagalungan, Municipality of Polomolok, Province of South Cotabato shall be entitled to National Tax Allotment (NTA) shares under Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991."

SECTION 6. *Plebiscite.* The plebiscite conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) on 29 July 1995, pursuant to Provincial Ordinance No. 02, Series of 1995, which ratified the creation of Barangay Pagalungan, shall be deemed sufficient compliance with the plebiscite requirement under existing laws.

SECTION 7. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,