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HOUSE BILL NO. 5657



Introduced by: **REP. SALVADOR A. PLEYTO, SR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Barangay Poblacion in the Municipality of Norzagaray, Bulacan, is a major administrative and economic center of the municipality. Over the years, the barangay has experienced significant population growth and urban expansion, leading to an unwieldy size and population. According to the 2020 Census, the barangay had a population of 15,265, making it one of the largest in Norzagaray.

The current large size and population of Barangay Poblacion present several challenges to effective governance and service delivery. The large population of the barangay makes it difficult for the current set of barangay officials to efficiently manage and supervise the delivery of basic services, maintain peace and order, and implement local development programs across the entire area.

The expansive area results in uneven distribution and access to essential government services and development projects, with residents in outlying areas often receiving less attention compared to the central, more accessible areas.

This House Bill proposes to address these challenges by subdividing the existing Barangay Poblacion into three (3) distinct and independent barangays, namely:

1. Barangay Poblacion North
2. Barangay Poblacion South
3. Barangay Poblacion X-ing

This division is expected to conform to the criteria outlined in Section 386 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (Republic Act No. 7160), particularly concerning contiguous territory, clearly identifiable boundaries, and population requirements, once the specific boundaries are delineated.

The creation of three smaller, more manageable barangays will allow for more focused and personalized attention from local officials, leading to more effective and responsive governance. Essential services, such as health, sanitation, peace and order, and local infrastructure projects, can be delivered more efficiently and equitably to the residents of the newly created barangays.

The division will foster a greater sense of community and encourage increased participation of the residents in local affairs and development planning. Upon official creation and recognition, each new barangay will be entitled to its own share of the National Tax Allotment (NTA), providing additional financial resources necessary for local development and self-sufficiency.

In view of the pressing need to enhance the quality of local governance and the delivery of public services in this rapidly developing area, the immediate passage of this House Bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT SUBDIVIDING BARANGAY POBLACION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NORZAGARAY, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, INTO THREE (3) DISTINCT AND SEPARATE BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY POBLACION NORTH, BARANGAY POBLACION SOUTH, AND BARANGAY POBLACION X-ING

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

SECTION 1. *Subdivision of Barangay Poblacion* - Barangay Poblacion in the Municipality of Norzagaray, Province of Bulacan is hereby subdivided into three (3) distinct and separate barangays.

SEC. 2. *Composition* – The existing puroks and sitios shall comprise the new barangays as follows:

1. Barangay Poblacion North shall be composed of the following:

Tabtab
Lawasan
Riverside
BLISS
Sulucan

2. Barangay Poblacion South shall be composed of the following:

Calumpang
Bayumbon
Pulong Yantok
Iras
Villarama

3. Barangay Poblacion X-ing shall be composed of the following:

Pugpog
Ninoville
Sapang A
Roadside
Madre
Kanto (Torres Residence)

SEC. 3. *Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite* - Pursuant to Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as “The Local Government Code of 1991”, the new barangays shall exist upon the majority of votes cast by the qualified voters of Barangay Poblacion in a plebiscite to be conducted by the Commission on Election (COMELEC) in the areas affected, within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act.

The expense for such plebiscite shall be borne by the Municipality of Norzagaray, Bulacan.

SEC. 4. *Appointment of Interim Barangay Officials* - There shall be a Punong Barangay, seven (7) Sangguniang Barangay Members, a Sangguniang Kabataan Chairman, and seven (7) Sangguniang Kabataan Members in each of the newly created barangays, which shall be appointed by the Mayor of Norzagaray. Such barangay officials shall serve until their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

SEC. 5. *Incumbent Barangay Officials* - The incumbent barangay officials of Barangay Poblacion, Norzagaray shall continue to exercise their powers, duties, and functions until new barangay officials therein shall have been duly appointed.

SEC. 6. *National Tax Allotment Shares* - Barangay Poblacion North, Barangay Poblacion South, and Barangay Poblacion X-ing, all in the Municipality of Norzagaray, Bulacan, shall be entitled to National Tax Allotment shares pursuant to Section 285 of R.A. No. 7160, as amended.

SEC. 7. *Public Infrastructure and Facilities* - All existing public infrastructures and facilities existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or compensation and shall be administered by the new barangays.

SEC. 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,