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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL No. 5920



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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to officially establish Barangay Santa Cruz in the Municipality of Tampakan, South Cotabato Province. A similar bill was introduced during the 18th and 19th Congresses.

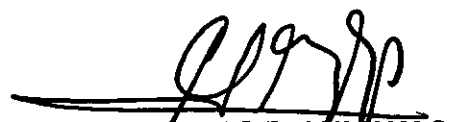
Barangay Santa Cruz is one of the barangays of Tampakan, South Cotabato. It was established through Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 122, Series of 2001, along with subsequent resolutions Nos. 13 and 170, both from 2001. It covers 468 hectares. Its population, as recorded by the 2020 Census, is 3,016, accounting for 7.35% of Tampakan's total population. Between 2015 and 2020, its population growth rate was 5.66%, one of the highest among the barangays in the municipality.

Barangay Santa Cruz has been functioning as a regular local government unit since its existence. It served and continues to serve its constituents; it regularly elects and appoints its officers and employees; it has implemented various public service projects and programs; and it has acquired assets and liabilities.

Since Barangay Santa Cruz was not established by law, it does not receive any annual National Tax Allotment (NTA) from the government. It depends solely on financial aid from the municipal and provincial governments.

Considering that Barangay Santa Cruz has substantially met all requirements set forth by law and has been functioning as a regular local government unit since its inception, it is necessary and practical to recognize and create it as a barangay officially. The official establishment of Barangay Santa Cruz, Tampakan, South Cotabato, shall entitle it to receive its fair share of the national wealth in the form of NTA, thereby supporting its right to self-determination and further enhancing its capacity to serve its constituents.

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


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AN ACT
OFFICIALLY CREATING BARANGAY SANTA CRUZ IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF TAMPAKAN, 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 Santa Cruz* – Barangay Santa Cruz, Municipality of Tampakan, Province of South Cotabato, is hereby officially created as a barangay, and therefore retains its identity based on its more or less permanent natural boundaries described as follows:

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
1-2	S 29 55' E	70 mts
2-3	S 60 5' W	15 mts
3-4	S 60 5' W	16 mts
4-5	S 29 55' E	30 mts
5-6	S 60 5' W	4 mts
6-7	N 29 55' W	30 mts
7-8	S 60 5' W	15 mts
8-9	N 29 55' W	70 mts
9-10	N 60 5' E	50 mts

SECTION 2. *Public Infrastructure, Assets, and Facilities.* – All public infrastructure, assets, and facilities owned by Barangay Santa Cruz, Municipality of Tampakan, Province of South Cotabato shall be retained by it.

SECTION 3. *Incumbent Barangay Officials.* – The incumbent barangay officials of Barangay Santa Cruz, Municipality of Tampakan, Province of South Cotabato shall continue to hold office until such time that their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 4. *Internal Revenue Allotment Shares.* – Barangay Santa Cruz, Municipality of Tampakan, Province of South Cotabato shall be entitled to National Tax Allotment (NTA) shares pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the “Local Government Code of 1991.”

SECTION 5. *Plebiscite.* – The plebiscite conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) on 30 June 2003 pursuant to Section II of Provincial Ordinance No. 04, Series of 2001, which accordingly ratified the creation of Barangay Santa Cruz, shall serve as substantial compliance with the plebiscite requirement required by law.

SECTION 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,