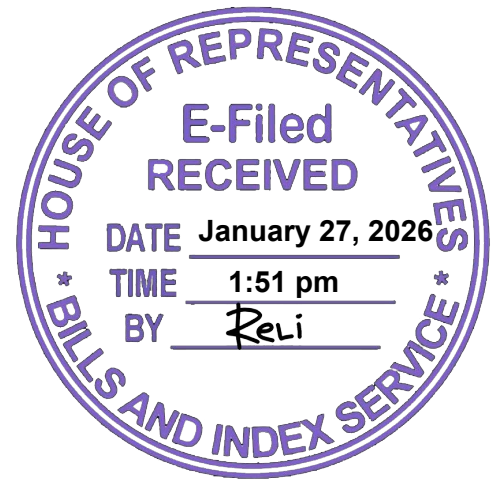


Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. **7397**



Introduced by Representative ERIC G. YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to divide Barangay Camp Four in the Municipality of Tuba, Province of Benguet, into two (2) separate and independent barangays, to be known as Barangay Camp Four and Barangay Camp Six. This aims to bring local government closer to the people and make public services more accessible, responsive, and effective.

The 1987 Constitution provides that local autonomy is upheld as a fundamental component of democratic governance in order to provide communities with more direct and significant services. Section 385 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the "*Local Government Code of 1991*" also states that

"Section 385. Manner of Creation. — A barangay may be created, divided, merged, abolished, or its boundary substantially altered, by law or by an ordinance of the sangguniang panlalawigan or panlungsod, subject to approval by a majority of the votes cast in a plebiscite to be conducted by the COMELEC in the local government unit or units affected within such period of time as may be determined by the law or ordinance creating said barangay. In the case of the creation of barangays by the sangguniang panlalawigan, the recommendation of the sangguniang bayan concerned shall be necessary,"

Barangay Camp Four has steadily grown over the years in terms of population, residential areas, and community needs. This has placed increased demands on barangay leadership for better public services and infrastructure. For many residents, especially those living farther from the barangay center, access to basic services such as health assistance, administrative support, and community programs has become more challenging.

The proposed division of the current barangay into two (2) allows each new barangay to focus more closely on the needs of its constituents and respond more efficiently to local concerns. The basis of which is anchored on clearly defined and well-established boundaries, based on technical descriptions and maps prepared by the Municipal Assessor and duly endorsed by the Sangguniang Barangay of Camp

Four, the Sangguniang Bayan of Tuba, and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Benguet. The natural boundary following the creek from the waiting shed along Philex Road to the Monkikanyon Bridge at Camp Five provides a practical and easily identifiable separation between the two (2) barangays.

Once established, both Barangay Camp Four and Barangay Camp Six shall be entitled to their respective shares in the Internal Revenue Allotment. This shall enable officials to better plan and implement priority programs, maintain public facilities, and deliver essential services that directly benefit their communities and their constituents.

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

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HON. ERIC G. YAP

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AN ACT
DIVIDING BARANGAY CAMP FOUR IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBA,
PROVINCE OF BENGUET INTO TWO SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT
BARANGAYS TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY CAMP FOUR AND
BARANGAY CAMP SIX

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

Section 1. *Division of Barangay Camp Four (4).* — Barangay Camp Four (4) in the Municipality of Tuba, Province of Benguet is hereby divided into two (2) separate and independent barangays to be known as Barangay Camp 4 and Barangay Camp Six (6).

SEC. 2. *Territorial Boundaries.* — The territorial boundaries of Barangays Camp 4 and Camp 6 are in accordance with the metes and bounds stated in the Technical Description and Maps by the Municipal Assessor, Engr. Noel G. Tumin, and indorsed by the Sangguniang Barangay of Camp 4 through Barangay Resolution No. 13, Series of 2022, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Tuba, Benguet through Municipal Resolution No. 74, Series of 2022, and by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan through Resolution No. 2023-467 of the Province of Benguet.

The proposed boundary will be from the waiting shed at the Philex Road following the creek going to Monkikanyon bridge at Camp 5. The downstream portion will belong to Barangay Camp 4 while the upstream portion will belong to Barangay Camp 6.

SEC. 3. *Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite.* — The Commission on Elections shall conduct and supervise the plebiscite to be held in Barangay Camp 4 in the Municipality of Tuba, Benguet thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act.

The expenses for such plebiscite shall be borne by the Municipality of Tuba, Benguet.

SEC. 4. *Incumbent Barangay Officials.* — The incumbent barangay officials of Barangay Camp 4 in the Municipality of Tuba, Benguet shall continue to hold office until such time that the officials of the newly created barangays have been duly elected and qualified.

SEC. 5. *Public Infrastructure and Facilities.* — All public infrastructure and facilities existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or compensation to and shall be administered by the new barangays.

SEC. 6. *Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) Shares.* — All barangays herein created shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment shares pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, as amended, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

SEC 7. *Separability Clause.* — If any part or provision of the Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other Provisions hereof which are not affected hereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC 8. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, decrees, rules and regulation inconsistent with the provision of this Act hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC 9. *Effectivity.* — This shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in two (2) national newspaper of the general circulation.

Approved,