

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

TWENTIETH CONGRESS

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HOUSE BILL NO. 8249



Introduced by the Honorable ANIELA BIANCA D. TOLENTINO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 4346 was enacted in 1965 and the town name of Bailen, Cavite was officially dubbed as the Municipality of General Emilio Aguinaldo. The change was brought about by the desire to pay homage to the first President of our Republic.

Despite being passed sixty (60) years ago, people in Cavite still refer to the town Municipality of General Emilio Aguinaldo as "Bailen" up to this day. The people of Bailen did not lose their identity with the change of the name of their town. The people of Bailen still remain to be the same hardworking and peace-loving Caviteños who refer to themselves as Baileños.

In Resolution No. 49-S-2026, the Sangguniang Bayan of General Emilio Aguinaldo made a request to this representation to initiate action for the enactment of a national law that will change the name of the town of General Emilio Aguinaldo back to Bailen. The said resolution even stated that the clamor for the reversion of the name to Bailen started in 2010. The need to give respect for the achievements of General Emilio Aguinaldo is fully recognized. However, it is also important to address the desire of the people in Bailen to regain their historical town name. As such, it is hereby proposed that the name of the Municipality of General Emilio Aguinaldo, Province of Cavite be changed to General Emilio Aguinaldo – Bailen.

The proposed law herein aims to strike a balance to the clamor of the people of General Emilio Aguinaldo to have their old town name back and the need to acknowledge and recognize the first president of our country. The bill will officially put the name "Bailen" in all references about the town.

Approval of the foregoing bill is earnestly being sought.

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AN ACT RENAMING THE NAME OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL EMILIO AGUINALDO, PROVINCE OF CAVITE TO GENERAL EMILIO AGUINALDO-BAILEN

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippine Congress Assembled:

Section 1. The name of the Municipality of Bailen in the Province of Cavite is hereby changed to the Municipality of General Emilio Aguinaldo–Bailen.

Section 2. All other laws, acts, presidential decrees, executive orders, issuances, presidential proclamations, rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are contrary to and inconsistent with any provision of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect immediately following the completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,