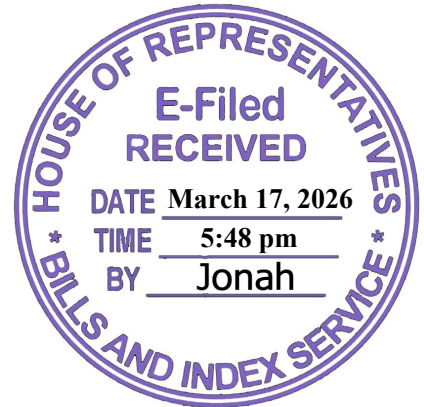


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 8640



Introduced by Representative ERIC G. YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to rename the Polis Barrio School located in Sitio Polis, Barangay Poblacion, Municipality of Kibungan, Province of Benguet, to Poldo Babsa-ay Elementary School in recognition of the invaluable contribution of the late Poldo Babsa-ay, who generously donated the land on which the present school site stands.

Established in 1948 and presently operated and maintained by the Department of Education (DepEd), Polis Barrio School has long served as an important institution providing basic education to the children of Barangay Poblacion and nearby communities. Over the decades, the school has played a vital role in advancing literacy, nurturing young learners, and contributing to the overall development of the municipality.

The initiative to rename the school originated from the Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) of Polis Barrio School, which formally requested the Municipal School Board and the Sangguniang Bayan of Kibungan to honor the memory and generosity of the late Poldo Babsa-ay. The Municipal School Board subsequently issued a resolution recommending the renaming of the school, consistent with Sections 13(e) and 99(d) of the Local Government Code of 1991, which authorize the Sangguniang Bayan to change the name of a public school upon the recommendation of the Municipal School Board.

Acting upon this recommendation, the Sangguniang Bayan of Kibungan enacted Municipal Ordinance No. 135, Series of 2025, formally approving the renaming of Polis Barrio School to Poldo Babsa-ay Elementary School. The renaming recognizes the enduring legacy of the late donor and expresses the community's gratitude for his generosity in providing the land that continues to serve as a center of learning for present and future generations.

In compliance with the established guidelines on the naming and renaming of public institutions, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) reviewed the relevant documents and issued a certification stating that it does not object to the proposed renaming. The NHCP likewise recommended that the former

name of the school be indicated beneath the new name, "Formerly Polis Barrio School," to preserve its historical identity and assist in public recognition and postal communication.

Given the strong support of the local community, the endorsement of the Municipal School Board and the Sangguniang Bayan, and the non-objection of the NHCP, the renaming of the school is both appropriate and well-justified. This measure honors a benefactor whose generosity made possible the establishment and continued operation of a vital educational institution in Kibungan, Benguet.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is respectfully sought.



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AN ACT
RENAMING POLIS BARRIO SCHOOL IN BARANGAY POBLACION,
MUNICIPALITY OF KIBUNGAN, PROVINCE OF BENGUET, TO POLDO
BABSA-AY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

Section 1. *Renaming of Polis Barrio School.* - The Polis Barrio School, located in Sitio Polis, Barangay Poblacion, Municipality of Kibungan, Province of Benguet, is hereby renamed POLDO BABSA-AY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

SEC. 2. *Historical Reference.* - In order to preserve the historical identity of the institution and facilitate public recognition and postal communication, the previous name of the school shall be indicated beneath the new name in official signage and documents as follows:

POLDO BABSA-AY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
(Formerly Polis Barrio School)

SEC. 3. *Implementation.* - The Department of Education (DepEd) shall take the necessary steps to implement the provisions of this Act, including the updating of official records, school registries, maps, signages, and other relevant documents reflecting the new name of the school.

SEC. 4. *Compliance with Existing Guidelines.* - The renaming of the school shall be consistent with the Revised Guidelines on the Naming and Renaming of Streets, Public Schools, Plazas, Buildings, Bridges, and other Public Structures issued by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP).

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 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,