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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 562

Submitted by the Committee on Local Government on August 5, 2026

Re: House Bill No. 10605

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3460

Sponsors: Representatives Florencio T. Miraflores and Roger Gaviola Mercado

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Local Government to which was referred **House Bill No. 3460**, introduced by Representative Roger Gaviola Mercado, entitled:

“AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE TO LEYTE DEL SUR”

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 10605, entitled:

“AN ACT RENAMING THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE AS LEYTE DEL SUR”

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 3460 with Representatives Roger Gaviola Mercado and Florencio T. Miraflores as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,


FLORENCIO T. MIRAFLORES
Chairperson
Committee on Local Government

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 10605
(In substitution of House Bill No. 3460)

Introduced by **Representatives Roger Gaviola Mercado and Florencio T. Miraflores**

AN ACT
RENAMING THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE AS LEYTE DEL SUR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Province of Southern Leyte is hereby renamed as the Province of
2 Leyte del Sur.

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4 **SEC. 2.** The renaming of the Province of Southern Leyte as the Province of Leyte del
5 Sur shall be effective upon ratification of the majority of votes cast by qualified voters in a
6 plebiscite to be conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections in the present
7 Province of Southern Leyte within one hundred twenty (120) days after the effectivity of this
8 Act.

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10 The expenses for such plebiscite shall be borne by the Province of Southern Leyte.

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12 **SEC. 3.** Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction,
13 administrative order, rules and regulation, or part thereof contrary to or inconsistent with this
14 Act is hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

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16 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
17 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,