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HOUSE BILL NO. 284



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed House Bill seeks to declare Barangay Pudo in the municipality of Natonin, Mountain Province as a government entity created by law.

Barangay Pudo is inhabited mainly by Indigenous Peoples particularly the Balangao Tribe. It was originally created by virtue of Provincial Ordinance No. 1 Series of 1991 dated March 12, 1991 and ratified by the residents thereat on December 2, 1994 separating it from its Mother Barangay, Barangay Alunogan of the same municipality. Thus, as decreed by Section 285 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (RA 7610), the Provincial Government of Mountain Province and the Municipal Government of Natonin contribute for the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) of Barangay Pudo.

The meagre amount from the Local Government Units concerned could hardly sustain the operations of the barangay government. It is noteworthy, however, that in order to afford Indigenous Cultural Communities a chance to develop and enhance the delivery of basic services, the law gives them a special treatment by giving them an exception as to the requirement of population.

In view of the foregoing, the creation of Barangay Pudo pursuant to an **enacted law will definitely** provide easy access to the services of the government in **the barangay level and** contribute to the overall development of not only the **residents and the area concerned** but also the province as a whole.

  
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**AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY PUDO IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF NATONIN, PROVINCE OF MOUNTAIN PROVINCE.**

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

**Section 1. Creation-** There shall be created a Barangay in the Municipality of Natonin, Mountain Province to be known as Barangay Pudo and is hereby separated from Barangay Alunogan of the Municipality of Natonin.

**Section 2. Conduct and Supervision of Plebiscite-** Pursuant to Section 10 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, the new barangay shall exist upon the majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters of Barangay Pudo, Municipality of Natonin, Province of Mountain Province in a plebiscite to be conducted and supervised by the Commission on Election (COMELEC) in the area **affected, within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act;**

**Section 3. Set of Officials-** The first set of officials of the said barangay shall be appointed by the Governor of Mountain Province and shall hold office until such time that their successors have been duly elected and qualified;

**Section 4. Public Infrastructure and Facilities –** All existing public infrastructure and facilities therein for public use at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or compensation to the new barangay and shall be administered by it;

**Section 5. Internal Revenue Allotment Shares-** Barangay Pudo shall be entitled to Internal Revenue Allotment Shares (IRA) shares pursuant to Section 285 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991;

**Sec. 6 Appropriations** – The amount necessary to conduct the plebiscite as provided for under this Act shall be borne by the Municipality of Natonin, Province of Mountain Province; and

**Sec. 7 Effectivity** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,