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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1110



Introduced By: **HON. TEDDY BRAWNER BAGUILAT**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the creation of a new barangay in the Municipality of Banaue, Province of Ifugao comprising the sitios of Inacubcan, Matanglag, Talboc, Itanungon, Chigchig, Upper Ibayong and lower Ibayong from the mother barangay of Bocos and sitios Liwang and Pinugo from the mother barangay of Poitan, All in the abovestated Municipality, be constituted into a separate and distinct barangay to be known as Barangay Ibayong.


The Municipality of Banaue, home of the famous Banaue Rice Terraces is occupying vast mountainous areas making the administration over them extremely difficult. Some sitios such as those mentioned above are located far from the barangay proper so that they are often denied the delivery of basic goods and services due to them.

The community in these sitios sought to be created as regular and independent barangay strongly believe that their general welfare would greatly improved if they have their own barangay officials who can effectively address their needs and common problems. The geographical areas covered by this measure are contiguous and its inhabitants are members of the indigenous cultural communities which has a common customs, traditions and way of life.

This initiative therefore meets the provision of the Local Government Code of 1991 particularly Article 14, Par. C of its Implementing Rules and Regulations which states that "Notwithstanding the population requirement, a barangay may be created in Indigenous Cultural Communities by an Act of Congress upon the recommendation of the Local Government Units where the cultural community is located to enhance the delivery of basic services in the areas.

Furthermore, the creation of a new Barangay is also recognized in Section 8 of the Internal Rules and Regulation of the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997 (IPRA) as a separate Ethno-Linguistic Group.

Given this reason it is most respectfully urged that this bill be approved with utmost urgency and significance.


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AN ACT CREATING A BARANGAY TO BE KNOWN AS BARANGAY IBAYONG IN MUNICIPALITY OF BANAUE, PROVINCE OF IFUGAO

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

SEC. 1. *Creation of Barangay Ibayong.* – Special Economic Zone of Ibayong in Barangay Bocos and sitios Liwang and Pinugo in Barangay Poitan, all in the Municipality of Banaue are hereby separated from their respective mother Barangays and be constituted into a distinct and independent barangay to be known as Barangay Ibayong.

The technical description of Barangay Ibayong shall be as follows:

Bounded on the West by Barangay Bocos, North by Barangay Cambulo and east by Barangay Kinakin.

SEC. 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 Bocos and Poitan of the Municipality of Banaue, Province of Ifugao in a plebiscite to be conducted and supervised by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) in the area affected, within ninety (90) days from the effectivity of this Act.

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

SEC. 4. *Public Infrastructures and Facilities.* - All existing public infrastructures and facilities for public use existing therein at the time of the approval of this Act are hereby transferred without cost or compensation and shall be administered by the new barangay.

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

SEC. 6. Appropriations. – The expenses for the holding of the plebiscite as provided in Section 2 hereof shall be charged to appropriations of the Commission on Elections under the current General Appropriations Act, otherwise the same shall be borne by the Local Government Unit concerned.

SEC. 7. Effectivity. -This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,
