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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 84

Submitted by the Committee on Local Government on 25 JUL 2005

Re : House Joint Resolution No. 1

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor : Senator Lim.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Local Government to which was referred House Joint Resolution No. 1, introduced by Representatives Cari, Ecleo, Baculio, Plaza, Martinez, Wacnang, Nantes, Libanan, Marcos, Gullas, Arroyo (I.), Pichay, Bersamin, Garcia (V.), Syjuco, Figueroa, Salapuddin, Villarosa and Amante, entitled:

**“JOINT RESOLUTION
TO EXEMPT CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES EMBODIED IN BILLS FILED
IN CONGRESS BEFORE JUNE 30, 2001 FROM THE COVERAGE OF
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9009”**

has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved with the following amendments:

1. On the second “WHEREAS” clause, delete the words and figure “fifty-six (56)” and in lieu thereof, insert the words and figure “FIFTY-SEVEN (57);
2. On the second “WHEREAS” clause, delete the words and figure “twenty-three (23)” and in lieu thereof, insert the word and figure “TWENTY-FOUR (24);
3. On page 2, line 26, delete the word “and”;
4. On the same page, between lines 26 and 27, insert the following:
“(23) TAYABAS, QUEZON; AND”;
5. On the same page, line 27, delete the number “23” enclosed in parentheses and in lieu thereof insert in the parentheses the number “24”;

6. After line 27, insert the following paragraph:

"PROVIDED, THAT NOTHING IN THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO EXEMPT THE HEREIN LISTED MUNICIPALITIES FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF 1991 PRIOR TO ITS AMENDMENT BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9009: PROVIDED, FINALLY, THAT THE DATE OF THE CERTIFICATION AS TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR CITY STATUS OF THE ABOVE-LISTED MUNICIPALITIES SHOULD BE BASED PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVITY OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9009."; and

7. Amend the title by inserting the phrase "THE ELEVENTH" between the words "IN" and "CONGRESS".

Respectfully submitted:


ALFREDO S. LIM
Chairman

*Sorry! I have to block
this bill for being retrogressive.*
AQUILINO Q. PIMENTEL JR.
Vice-Chairman and Minority Leader

Members:

[Signature]
MANUEL B. VILLAR JR.

[Signature] with strong reservation
RAMON B. MAGSAYSAY JR.

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RODOLFO G. BIAZON
Dissenting

[Signature] with reservation
MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID

[Signature] w/reservation
RAMON BONG REVILLA JR.

Have to dissent here reservation let my suggest amendment
RICHARD J. GORDON

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RALPH G. RECTO

[Signature] w/reservation
COMPANERA RA S. CAYETANO

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JUAN PONCE ENRILE

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JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA

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JUAN M. FLAVIER
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FRANCIS N. PANGILINAN
Majority Leader

Hon. FRANKLIN M. DRILON
President
Senate of the Philippines
Pasay City

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. Jt. Res. No. 1

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARI, ECLEO, BACULIO, PLAZA, MARTINEZ,
WACNANG, NANTES, LIBANAN, MARCOS, GULLAS, ARROYO (I.),
PICHAY, BERSAMIN, GARCIA (V.), SYJUCO, FIGUEROA,
SALAPUDDIN, VILLAROSA AND AMANTE

JOINT RESOLUTION TO EXEMPT CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES
EMBODIED IN BILLS FILED IN CONGRESS BEFORE
JUNE 30, 2001 FROM THE COVERAGE OF REPUBLIC ACT
NO. 9009

WHEREAS, Section 450 of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code, originally prescribed an income requirement of Twenty million pesos (P20,000,000.00) for the conversion of a municipality or a cluster of barangays into a city;

WHEREAS, during the Eleventh Congress (1998-2001), fifty-six (56) bills which sought to convert certain municipalities into cities were filed, of which thirty-two (32) were enacted into law, one was rejected in a plebiscite and twenty-three (23) bills were not enacted upon due to lack of material time brought about by the impeachment proceedings against former President Joseph Estrada;

WHEREAS, the enactment of Senate Bill No. 2157 into law as Republic Act No. 9009 effectively raised the income requirement for the conversion of a municipality or a cluster of barangays into a city from Twenty million pesos (P20,000,000.00) to One hundred million pesos (P100,000,000.00);

WHEREAS, the imposition of a much higher income requirement for the conversion of a municipality or a cluster of barangays into a city virtually delivered a lethal blow to the aspirations of the municipalities embodied in bills filed during the Eleventh Congress to attain economic growth and development;

WHEREAS, in the interest of fairness and justice to the twenty-three (23) municipalities which were found to be qualified under the old provision of the Local Government Code like the thirty-two (32) other municipalities which had already been elevated to city status, there is a need to offer a legal remedy to local government units affected by the implementation of Republic Act No. 9009: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives,*
 2 *the Senate concurring; To exempt the following municipalities which were*
 3 *sought to be converted into cities as embodied in bills filed before June 30,*
 4 *2001 from the coverage of Republic Act No. 9009:*

- 5 (1) Carcar, Cebu;
- 6 (2) Binalbagan, Negros Occidental;
- 7 (3) Baybay, Leyte;
- 8 (4) Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro;
- 9 (5) Bogo, Cebu;
- 10 (6) San Francisco, Agusan del Sur;
- 11 (7) Bayugan, Agusan del Sur;
- 12 (8) Pontevedra, Negros Occidental;
- 13 (9) Lamitan, Province of Basilan;
- 14 (10) San Juan, Metro Manila;
- 15 (11) Tandag, Surigao del Sur;
- 16 (12) Tabuk, Kalinga;
- 17 (13) Batac, Ilocos Norte;
- 18 (14) Naga, Cebu;
- 19 (15) Borongan, Eastern Samar;
- 20 (16) Claveria, Misamis Oriental;
- 21 (17) El Salvador, Misamis Oriental;
- 22 (18) Opol, Misamis Oriental;
- 23 (19) Catbalogan, Samar;
- 24 (20) Pototan, Iloilo;
- 25 (21) Mati, Davao Oriental;
- 26 (22) Cabadbaran, Agusan del Norte; and
- 27 (23) Guihulngan, Negros Oriental.

Approved,

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