

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9032, March 12, 2001]

AN ACT EXPANDING THE AREA OF JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CULION, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7193

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

SECTION 1. A new section is hereby inserted after Section 1 of Republic Act 7193 entitled, "An Act Creating the Municipality of Culion in the Province of Palawan," designated as Section 1-A, to read as follows:

"SEC. 1-A. The barangays of Balala, Baldat, Binudac, Culango, Galoc, Jardin, Libis, Luac, Malaking Patag, Osmeña and Tiza which have been existing and functioning as regular barangays before the creation of the municipality in 1992 are hereby declared as legally existent upon the creation of the Municipality of Culion. These barangays shall comprise the Municipality of Culion, subject to the provisions of the succeeding paragraphs. The territorial boundaries of these barangays are specified in Annex "A" of this Act.

Subject to the provisions of Section 10, Republic Act No. 7160, Burabod and Halsey in the Municipality of Busuanga, Province of Palawan, are hereby separated from said municipality and are transferred as part of the political jurisdiction of the Municipality of Culion.

A barangay for the indigenous cultural communities to be known as Barangay Carabao is hereby created to be composed of the following sitios, namely: Bacutao, Baracuan, Binabaan, Cabungalen, Corong, De Carabao (Lumber Camp), Igay, Layanglayang, Marily Pula and Pinanganduyan."

SEC. 2. Upon the effectivity of this Act, the internal revenue allocations already allotted but not released by the Department of Budget and Management to barangays Balala, Baldat, Binudac, Culango, Galoc, Jardin, Libis, Luac, Malaking Patag, Osmeña and Tiza from the time of the existence of the Municipality of Culion in 1995 shall be made available to the above mentioned barangays. Barangays Burabod and Halsey shall continue to receive their respective internal revenue allocation as part of the Municipality of Culion.

SEC. 3. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall hold the plebiscite required for the transfer of barangays Burabod and Halsey to the Municipality of Culion as well as for the creation of the