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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 456

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Submitted jointly by the Committees on Local Government and on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws on MAY 25 2009

Re : House Bill No. 4254, taking into consideration Senate Bill Nos. 2413, 2428 and 2501.

Recommending its approval without amendment.

Sponsors : Senators Aquino III, Escudero, Gordon, Lacson and Revilla Jr.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Local Government and on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws, to which was referred House Bill No. 4254, introduced by Representatives Abaya, Barzaga and Remulla, entitled:

**"AN ACT
REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE INTO SEVEN (7) LEGISLATIVE
DISTRICTS"**

taking into consideration Senate Bill No. 2413, introduced by Senator Gordon, entitled:

**"AN ACT
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Senate Bill No. 2428, introduced by Senator Lacson, entitled:

**"AN ACT
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DISTRICTS"**

and Senate Bill No. 2501, introduced by Senator Revilla Jr., entitled:

**"AN ACT
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DISTRICTS"**

have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved without amendment.

Respectfully submitted:

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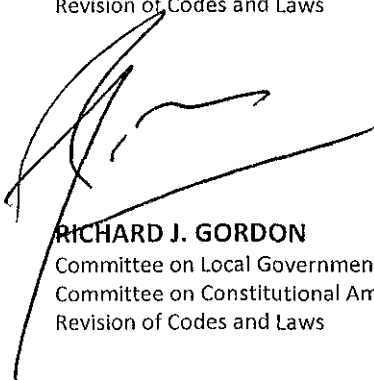


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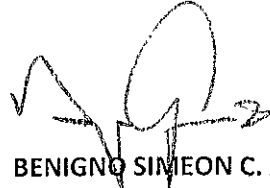
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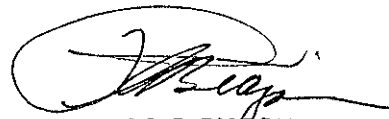
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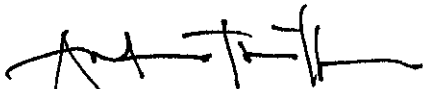
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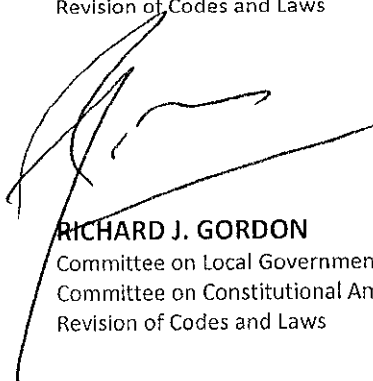
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4254

BY REPRESENTATIVES ABAYA, BARZAGA AND REMULLA, PER COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 617

AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE INTO SEVEN (7) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

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

1 SECTION 1. *Legislative Districts.* – The Province of Cavite, which
2 shall have seven (7) legislative districts to commence in the next national
3 elections after the effectivity of this Act, is hereby reapportioned as follows:

4 FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

5 (1) Cavite City

6 (2) Kawit

7 (3) Noveleta

8 (4) Rosario

9 SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

10 (1) Bacoor

11 THIRD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

12 (1) Imus

13 FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

14 (1) Dasmariñas

1 FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

2 (1) Carmona

3 (2) General Mariano Alvarez (GMA)

4 (3) Silang

5 SIXTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

6 (1) Trece Martires City

7 (2) General Trias

8 (3) Tanza

9 (4) Amadeo

10 SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

11 (1) Tagaytay City

12 (2) Alfonso

13 (3) General Aguinaldo

14 (4) Indang

15 (5) Magallanes

16 (6) Maragondon

17 (7) Mendez

18 (8) Naic

19 (9) Ternate

20 SEC. 2. *Rules and Regulations.* – The Commission on Elections shall
21 issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

22 SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, rules and regulations which are
23 inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
24 accordingly.


25 SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after
26 its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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SENATE
S. No. **2413**

RECEIVED BY 

Introduced by **Senator Richard J. Gordon**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Province of Cavite is the biggest province in Southern Tagalog in terms of population. According to the 2007 National Statistics Office, Cavite Census, as of August 1, 2007, the Province of Cavite had a population of 2,856,765. With only three (3) legislative districts at present, Cavite is clearly underrepresented in Congress.

Article VI of the 1987 Constitution expressly provides:

Section 5. (3) "Each legislative district shall comprise, as far as practicable, contiguous, compact, and adjacent territory. Each city with a population of at least two hundred fifty thousand, or each province, shall have at least one representative."

Section 5 (4). "Within three years following the return of every census, the Congress shall make a reapportionment of legislative districts based on the standards provided in this section."

On this constitutional basis and in the interest of proper democratic representation, this Bill proposes to reapportion the Province of Cavite from the present three (3) legislative districts to seven (7) legislative districts. Based on the geographical and population requirements of the Constitution, the following are strongly proposed to comprise the seven (7) legislative districts:

- First District -- the municipalities of Kawit, Noveleta, and Rosario, and City of Cavite;
- Second District -- the municipality of Bacoor;
- Third District -- the municipality of Imus;
- Fourth District -- the municipality of Dasmarinas;
- Fifth District -- the municipalities of Carmona, GMA and Silang;
- Sixth District -- the municipalities of General Trias, Tanza, and Amadeo, and City of Trece Martires; and
- Seventh District -- the municipalities of Alfonso, General Aguinaldo, Indang, Magallanes, Maragondon, Mendez, Naic, and Ternate, and the City of Tagaytay.

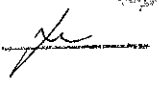
This bill seeks to provide the citizens of the Province of Cavite with democratic and proportional legislative representation in the House of Representatives. It will provide better representation for the increasing population and ensure that the needs of future generations of Cavitenos are better met. For these reasons, the quick passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


RICHARD J. GORDON
Senator

FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
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LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Province of Cavite is hereby reapportioned into seven (7) legislative
2 districts to commence in the next elections following the effectivity of this Act. Henceforth,
3 the following shall be the new legislative districts.

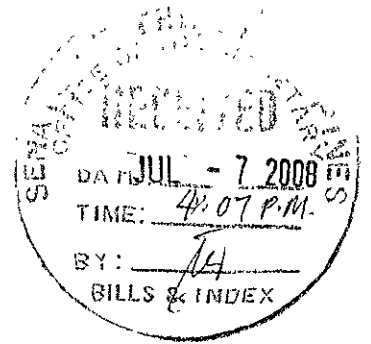
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10 F) Sixth District – the municipalities of General Trias, Tanza, and Amadeo, and the
11 City of Trece Martires; and
12 G) Seventh District – the municipalities of Alfonso, General Aguinaldo, Indang,
13 Magallanes, Maragondon, Mendez, Naic and Ternate and the City of Tagaytay.

14 **SEC. 2.** All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the
15 provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

16 **SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect 15 days after the completion of its publication in a
17 newspaper of general circulation

18 Approved,

FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC)
OF THE PHILIPPINES)
Second Regular Session)



SENATE
S.B. No. 2428

Introduced by Senator Panfilo M. Lacson

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The pertinent provisions of Article VI of the 1987 Constitution expressly provides that:

Section 5. (3) "Each legislative district shall comprise, as far as practicable, contiguous, compact, and adjacent territory. Each city with a population of at least two hundred fifty thousand, or each province, shall have at least one representative."

Section 5. (4) "Within three years following the return of every census, the Congress shall make a reapportionment of legislative districts based on the standards provided in this section."

According to the latest Census of Population (POPCEN 2007) conducted by the National Statistics Office (NSO), the population of the province of Cavite as of August 1, 2007 is 2,856,765. This makes Cavite the biggest province in the Philippines in terms of population. It is followed by the province of Bulacan with 2.83 million, and Pangasinan came in third, with 2.65 million.

However, at present, the province of Cavite is apportioned into (3) three legislative districts which allowed it to have only three (3) Representatives in the Lower House.

Compared to the province of Bulacan which is already divided into five (5) legislative districts and the province of Pangasinan which is represented in the House of Representatives by six (6) members of the House, the province of Cavite is clearly under-represented in Congress to the detriment of people residing therein.

In consonance with the constitutional principle of proper democratic representation, this proposed measure seeks to reapportion the Province of Cavite from the present three (3) legislative districts to seven (7) legislative districts. Based on the geographical and population requirement provided for under Article VI, Section 5 (3), the following are thus strongly proposed to comprise the seven (7) legislative districts:

First District – the Municipalities of Kawit, Noveleta, and Rosario, and the City of Cavite;

Second District -- the Municipality of Bacoor;

Third District – the Municipality of Imus;

Fourth District – the Municipality of Dasmariñas;

Fifth District – the Municipalities of Carmona, GMA, and Silang;

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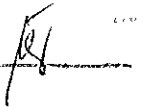
Seventh District – the Municipalities of Alfonso, General Aguinaldo, Indang, Magallanes, Maragondon, Mendez, Naic, and Ternate, and the City of Tagaytay.

In light of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


PANFILO M. LACSON
Senator

FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC)
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SENATE

S.B. No. 2501

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Introduced by HON. RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

According to Article VI of the 1987 Constitution, to wit.

Section 5.(3) "Each legislative district shall comprise, as far as practicable, contiguous, compact, and adjacent territory. Each city with a population of at least two hundred fifty thousand, or each province, shall have at least one representative."

Section 5.(4) "Within three years following the return of every census, the Congress shall make a reapportionment of legislative districts based on the standards provided in this section."

In consonance with this constitutional mandate and in the interest of proper democratic representation of the people, particularly in the Province of Cavite, I am compelled to propose this legislative measure: the reapportionment of the Province of Cavite into seven (7) legislative districts.

In the latest census (August 2007) conducted by the National Statistics Office, the Province of Cavite registered a population of 2,856,765, with only three (3) legislative districts. Comparatively, Manila with a population of 1,403,664; Negros Occidental with 3,000,554; Pangasinan with 2,690,911; and Cebu with 3,707,212, has six (6) legislative districts each.

Based on the geographical and population requirement provided for under Section 5 (3), of Article VI, the following are strongly proposed to comprise the seven (7) legislative districts.

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- Seventh District - Municipalities of Alfonso, General Aguinaldo, Indang, Magallanes, Maragondon, Mendez, Naic and Ternate, and the City of Tagaytay.

Hence, passage of this bill is earnestly sought


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

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SENATE

S. B. No. 2501

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Introduced by Senator Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr.

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