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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The recent conversion of Clark Field into the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport and its declaration as an international port of entry completed the transformation of Angeles City into a highly urbanized center of population not only in the province of Pampanga but also in Central Luzon. This bill seeks to give due recognition to this development by constituting Angeles City into a lone congressional district separate and distinct from the First District of Pampanga, which presently includes the municipalities of Mabalacat and Magalang. Separating Angeles as a chartered city, from the two Municipalities would only be proper since under Section 12, Article 10 of the Constitution, cities which are recognized by law as highly urbanized are to be considered independent of the province where they are located.

As reported in the Census of Population for the year 2000, the First District of Pampanga, comprised of Angeles City, Mabalacat and Magalang had a combined population of 512,546 distributed as follows:

1. Angeles City 263,971
2. Mabalacat 171,045
3. Magalang 77,530

Allowing for a population increase of three percent per annum (which is actually less than the national average of 3.2 percent), the district would have a projected population of almost 600,000 by the year 2004. Hence, by the time this bill takes effect, should it be passed into law, the First District of Pampanga would have sizable constituency far in excess of the population standard for a single congressional district. Separating Angeles City, into a lone district will not affect the status of the First District since, by the year 2004, the municipalities of Mabalacat and Magalang should be able to meet and exceed the population requirement for a congressional district.

The proposed bill provides that the Representative first elected to the position for the new District of Angeles City may serve for three consecutive terms as allowed by the Constitution regardless of the term or terms he shall have served in the First District in the same capacity. This is only proper and logical since a congressional term that is attached to a new district should be **deemed** as an original term and may not therefore be considered an extension of the term served in what would slow be another congressional district.

Approval of this bill is prayed as a means of spurring the development of Angeles City as host of the largest special economic zone in the country and as a catalyst in the overall development and growth of Central Luzon.

This measure is not only advantageous for Angeles City but also to the Municipalities of Malabalacat and Magalang as well. Various congressional-allocated projects through the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) can be implemented

exclusively for the benefit and welfare of the constituents of the Lone District of Angeles City, while the PDAF projects For the First District of Pampanga can only be divided for the people of Mabalacat and Magalang.



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**AN ACT CONSTITUTING ANGELES CITY IN THE PROVINCE OF
PAMPANGA INTO A LONE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEPARATE AND
DISTINCT FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT OF PAMPANGA AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. Title. -The City of Angeles located in the province of Pampanga is hereby constituted into a new congressional district separate and distinct from the First District of Pampanga to be known as the lone District of Angeles City; Provided, however, that the Municipalities of Mabalacat and Magalang shall continue to constitute the First District of Pampanga.

SECTION 2. The Lone District of Angeles City shall consist of all the existing barangays within the political jurisdiction of Angeles City as may be created within the city after the approval of this Act.

SECTION 3. As a newly Constituted congressional district, the initial term of the duly elected Representative for the Lone District of Angeles City shall be considered an original term of office. Accordingly, in the event that the incumbent Representative of the First District of Pampanga is elected as the first Representative for the Lone District of Angeles City, he may serve for three consecutive terms as allowed by the Constitution exclusive of the term or terms he shall have served in the First District.

SECTION 4. The initial election of the First Representative for the Lone District of Angeles City shall be scheduled to coincide with the national elections to be held in 2007.

SECTION 5. Appropriations for the Lone District of Angeles City shall be included in the General Appropriations Act for the year 2007 and every year thereafter.

SECTION 6. Effectivity Clause. - This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,