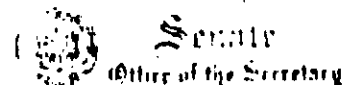


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article VI, Section 5, paragraph 3 of the 1987 Constitution provides that "[E]ach legislative district shall comprise, as far as practicable, contiguous, compact, and adjacent territory" and that "[E]ach city with a population of at least two hundred fifty thousand, or each province, shall have at least one representative."

In addition, Article VI, Section 5, paragraph 4 of the 1987 Constitution provides that "[W]ithin 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."

The Constitution is clear that a city can become a legislative district if it has a population of at least 250,000 with reapportionment of legislative districts to be done within three (3) years following the return of every census. The *1987 Constitution* ensures that with the continuous rise of our country's population, equal representation in Congress will be upheld through a legislative reapportionment mechanism.

Based on the 2010 Census of Population and Housing by the National Statistics Office, specifically the List of House Members by

District and Party List in the House of Representatives,¹ there exists a nationwide gross disproportion between the current population and the number of congressional districts.

To clearly illustrate the present situation, the City of Binan with population of 283,396 has one legislative district while the City of Las Pinas with population of 552,573 has also one legislative district. Thus, this disparity shows that there is no equal representation and voice in Congress. To remedy this situation, it is therefore a constitutional mandate of Congress to make a legislative reapportionment once this population criterion is met.

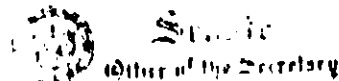
In view of the foregoing, this bill seeks to separate the City of San Pedro which has a population of 294,310 inhabitants as of the 2010 Census of Population and Housing from the first Legislative District of Laguna to establish the lone Legislative District of the City of San Pedro.

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


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

1 **SECTION 1. *Legislative District.*** – The City of San Pedro is
2 hereby separated from the first Legislative District of the Province of
3 Laguna, to constitute the lone Legislative District of the City of San
4 Pedro, which shall commence in the next national and local elections
5 after the effectivity of this Act.

6 **SECTION 2. *Rules and Regulations.*** - The Commission on
7 Elections shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement
8 this Act within thirty (30) days after its effectivity.

9 **SECTION 3. *Separability Clause.*** – Should any provision of this
10 Act or part hereof be declared unconstitutional, the other provisions or
11 parts not affected thereby shall remain valid and effective.

1 **SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, rules and regulations
2 which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or
3 modified accordingly.

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5 **SECTION 5. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect after fifteen
6 (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general
7 circulation.

8 *Approved*