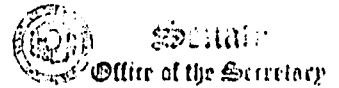


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AN ACT
REAPPORTIONING THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The advent of the Corona Virus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has revealed major challenges in the organizational capacity of our administrators, as well as the limitations in the responsiveness of our local governments units (LGUs) with regard to the delivery of services and provision of assistance. Against the backdrop mounting economic and health concerns, it is important to ensure that constituents in the locality are given due regard and representation in order to bring about genuine rehabilitation and development.

The fairness of representation is anchored on Article 6, Section 5 of the 1987 Constitution which provides that a locality with at least 250,000 residents and comprise "as far as practicable, contiguous, compact, and adjacent territory" must have one representative in the House of Representatives. The objective of legal apportionment, therefore, aims to make a legislative district sufficiently represented so that constituents can be actively heard and efficiently served.

This bill aims to divide the 2nd District of Rizal into three legislative districts to better serve the people and also to facilitate in the long-term rehabilitation and capacity building efforts following the pandemic. The bill retains as part of the 2nd

District the municipalities of Cardona, Baras, Tanay, Morong, Jala-Jala, Piliia and Teresa. San Mateo and Rodriguez will be designated as the 3rd and 4th districts of Rizal, respectively.

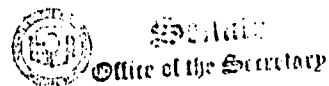
It must be noted that as early as 2010, data from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) already revealed that some of the most underrepresented legislative districts in the country include: Rizal First District (953,080 population) as Top 1 most underrepresented and Rizal Second District (854,019 population) as Top 2 most underrepresented. Population has also exponentially increased as outlined in the 2015 census, which placed the Second District of Rizal as the Top 2 most populous legislative district with a population of 1,070,852 and the First District of Rizal at the Top 3 spot with a population of 1,036,989. These numbers are only expected to surge in the latest survey to be conducted by PSA.

Moreover, the separation of the seven eastern towns of Baras, Cardona, Jala-Jala, Moroong, Piliia, Tanay and Teresa is for the reason that these localities are non-contiguous to San Mateo and Rodriguez.

Considering the foregoing, the immediate enactment of this bill is respectfully requested.


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

1 SECTION 1. The Second Legislative District of the Province of Rizal is hereby
2 reapportioned into three (3) legislative districts, to take effect in the 2022 national
3 and local elections. Each legislative district shall be composed of the following
4 municipalities:

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6 Second Legislative District

7 (1) Cardona

8 (2) Baras

9 (3) Tanay

10 (4) Morong

11 (5) Jala-jala

12 (6) Pililia

13 (7) Teresa

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15 Third Legislative District

16 (1) San Mateo

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18 Fourth Legislative District

19 (1) Rodriguez

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SEC. 2. The Commission on Elections shall issue the necessary implementing rules and regulations within thirty (30) days after the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 3. All laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,