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Introduced by SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS

AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET INTO TWO (2) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Province of Benguet was created by the enactment of Republic Act No. 4695. Benguet is politically divided into thirteen (13) municipalities of Atok, Bakun, Bokod, Bugias, Itogon, Kabayan, Kapangan, Kibungan, La Trinidad, Mankayan, Sablan, Tuba and Tublay.

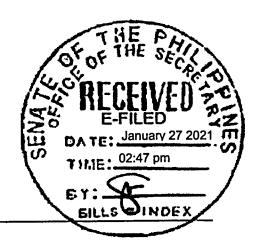
Due to the increasing population and rising economy of the Province of Benguet, reapportionment is necessary to meet the needs of its constituents. It is for these reasons that this bill seeks to reapportion the Lone District of Benguet into two Legislative Districts: the First Legislative District shall be composed of the Municipalities of Bokod, Itogon, Kabayan, Sablan, and Tuba while the Second Legislative District shall be composed of the Municipalities of Atok, Bakun, Buguias, Kapangan, Kibungan, La Trinidad, Mankayan, and Tublay.

Further, by establishing a new legislative district, this bill aims to ensure fair representation for the constituents of the Province of Benguet in the legislature and the national government.

In view of the foregoing, the speedy 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:

SECTION 1. The Province of Benguet, which shall be reapportioned into two (2) legislative districts effective in the next national elections after the effectivity of this Act, is hereby reapportioned as follows:

a. First Legislative District – The First Legislative District shall be composed of the municipalities of Bokod, Itogon, Kabayan, Sablan, and Tuba;

b. Second Legislative District – The Second Legislative District shall be composed of the municipalities Atok, Bakun, Buguias, Kapangan, Kibungan, La Trinidad, Mankayan, and Tublay.

SEC. 2. The incumbent Representative for the Lone District of the Province of Benguet shall continue to represent and serve the said district until the Representatives for the two (2) districts shall have been elected and qualified.

SEC. 3. The Commission on Election shall issue the Implementing Rules and Regulation to carry out the implementation of this Act, within 30 days from its approval.

SEC. 4. All laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,