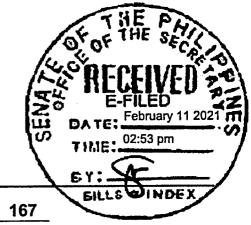
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. <u>167</u>

SENATE

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Local Government; and Electoral Reforms and

People's Participation on _____ February 11 2021

Re: House Bill No. 6867

Recommending the approval of House Bill No. 6867 without amendment, taking into

consideration Senate Bill No. 1787

Sponsor: Senator Francis "Tol" N. Tolentino

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Local Government; and Electoral Reforms and People's Participation, to which was referred **House Bill No. 6867**, introduced by Representatives Lorna C. Silverio, Jose "Kuya" Antonio Sy-Alvarado, Gavini "Apol" C. Pancho, Henry R. Villarica, and Florida "Rida" P. Robes, entitled:

"AN ACT

REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN INTO SIX (6) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS"

taking into consideration **Senate Bill No. 1787**, introduced by Senator Joel Villanueva, entitled:

"AN ACT

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have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that House Bill No. 6867, taking into consideration, Senate Bill No. 1787, be approved without amendment.

Respectfully submitted:

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CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS Second Regular Session

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6867

BY REPRESENTATIVES SILVERIO, SY-ALVARADO, PANCHO, VILLARICA AND ROBES, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 337

AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN INTO SIX (6) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

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

SECTION 1. The Province of Bulacan is hereby reapportioned into six (6) legislative districts to take effect in the 2022 national

3 and local elections. Each legislative district of the province shall

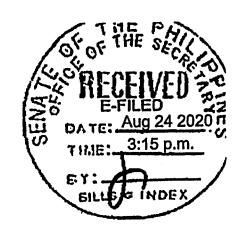
4 now be composed of the following:

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5	(a) First Legislative District
6	(1) Calumpit;
7	(2) Hagonoy;
8	(3) Paombong;
9	(4) Pulilan;
10	(5) Bulakan; and
11	(6) City of Malolos.
12	(b) Second Legislative District
13	(1) Baliuag;
14	(2) Bustos; and
15	(3) Plaridel.

1	(c) Third Legislative District	
2	(1) San Ildefonso;	
3	(2) San Miguel;	
4	(3) San Rafael; and	
5	(4) Doña Remedios Trinidad.	•
б	(d) Fourth Legislative District	•
7.	(1) Obando;	
8	(2) Marilao; and	
9	(3) City of Meycauayan.	
10	(e) Fifth Legislative District	
11	(1) Guiguinto;	
12	(2) Balagtas;	
13	(3) Pandi; and	
14	(4) Bocaue.	
15	(f) Sixth Legislative District	
16	(1) Sta. Maria;	1
17	(2) Norzagaray; and	
18	(3) Angat.	
19	SEC. 2. All the incumbent Representatives of the Province of	•
20	Bulacan shall continue to hold office until the expiration of their	•
21	terms of office.	
22	SEC. 3. The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall issue	
23	the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.	
24	SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its	· · ·
25	publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general	
26	circulation.	
	Approved,	
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EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES Second Regular Session



SENATE

S. B. NO. 1787

Introduced by SENATOR JOEL VILLANUEVA

AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN INTO SIX (6) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The province of Bulacan comprises of 21 municipalities, three cities and 569 barangays¹ with a population of 3,292,071 as of 2015. The province was initially divided into five legislative districts as follows:

District I – Bulacan, Calumpit, Hagonoy, City of Malolos, Paombong, Pulilan District II – Balagtas, Baliwag, Bocaue, Bustos, Guiguinto, Pandi, Plaridel District III – Angat, Dona Remedios Trinidad, Norzagaray, San Rafael, San Ildefonso, San Miguel

District IV - Marilao, Meycauayan, Obando, Sta. Maria

But in the recent years, the municipalities of San Jose del Monte, Malolos, and Meycauayan were converted into cities. Moreover, San Jose del Monte was separated from District IV, and became a separate district in 2003 by virtue of Republic Act No. 9230. In 2009, Malolos City was set to become another separate district by virtue of Republic Act No. 9591, until the same was struck down by the Supreme Court due to failure to meet the required minimum population of 250,000.

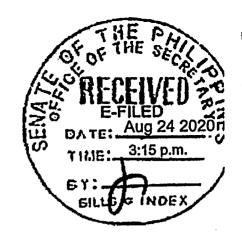
This bill proposes the reapportionment of the legislative districts of Bulacan from five to six. Each legislative district shall comprise, as far as practicable, contiguous, compact, and adjacent territory.

¹ Philippine Standard Geographic Code – Province of Bulacan. Available at https://psa.gov.ph/classification/psgc/?q=psgc/citimuni/031400000 (date last accessed: March 9, 2020).

Given the increase in the population of Bulacan since 1987 until today, and the varied concerns of the cities and/or municipalities comprising it, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

SENATOR JOEL VILLANUEVA

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