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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Province of Cavite is the biggest province in Southern Tagalog in terms of population. According to the 2007 National Statistics Office, Cavite Census, as of August 1, 2007, the Province of Cavite had a population of 2,856,765. With only three (3) legislative districts at present, Cavite is clearly underrepresented in Congress.

Article VI of the 1987 Constitution expressly provides:

Section 5. (3) "Each legislative district shall comprise, as far as practicable, contiguous, compact, and adjacent territory. Each city with a population of at least two hundred fifty thousand, or each province, shall have at least one representative."

Section 5 (4). "Within 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."

On this constitutional basis and in the interest of proper democratic representation, this Bill proposes to reapportion the Province of Cavite from the present three (3) legislative districts to seven (7) legislative districts. Based on the geographical and population requirements of the Constitution, the following are strongly proposed to comprise the seven (7) legislative districts:

First District – the municipalities of Kawit, Noveleta, and Rosario, and City of Cavite;

Second District – the municipality of Bacoor;

Third District – the municipality of Imus;

Fourth District – the municipality of Dasmarinas;

Fifth District – the municipalities of Carmona, GMA and Silang;

Sixth District – the municipalities of General Trias, Tanza, and Amadeo, and City of Trece Martires; and

Seventh District – the municipalities of Alfonso, General Aguinaldo, Indang, Magallanes, Maragondon, Mendez, Naic, and Ternate, and the City of Tagaytay.

This bill seeks to provide the citizens of the Province of Cavite with democratic and proportional legislative representation in the House of Representatives. It will provide better representation for the increasing population and ensure that the needs of future generations of Cavitenos are better met. For these reasons, the quick passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE INTO SEVEN (7)**  
**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The Province of Cavite is hereby reapportioned into seven (7) legislative  
2 districts to commence in the next elections following the effectivity of this Act. Henceforth,  
3 the following shall be the new legislative districts.

4           A) First District – the municipalities of Kawit, Noveleta, and Rosario, and the City of  
5 Cavite;

6           B) Second District – the municipality of Bacoor;

7           C) Third District – the municipality of Imus;

8           D) Fourth District – the municipality of Dasmarinas;

9           E) Fifth District – the municipalities of Carmona, GMA, and Silang

10          F) Sixth District – the municipalities of General Trias, Tanza, and Amadeo, and the  
11 City of Trece Martires; and

12          G) Seventh District – the municipalities of Alfonso, General Aguinaldo, Indang,  
13 Magallanes, Maragondon, Mendez, Naic and Ternate and the City of Tagaytay.

14          **SEC. 2.** All laws, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the  
15 provision of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

16          **SEC. 3.** This Act shall take effect 15 days after the completion of its publication in a  
17 newspaper of general circulation

18          Approved,