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EXPLANATORY NOTE

With an average of 2.7% annual growth in population for the past three census years coupled with its vibrant and dynamic economic development, the City of Puerto Princesa has developed into a distinctive city, requiring exclusive attention. True to the foresight of its forbears who converted it into a chartered city in the early 1960s, it has transformed itself into a leading economic and political hub of Palawan.

The progress which has made its inhabitants aspire for a precise administrative configuration was made manifest where the people of Puerto Princesa embraced the new form of political structure.

There are two-phases of political structure that need to be fostered for Puerto Princesa. The first is satisfied by the 09 July 2007 plebiscite and the second is the evolution of its unique political concern requiring independent representation in Congress.

In addition, the Second Legislative District of Palawan includes the City of Puerto Princesa. The District consists of 846,816 hectares of land, in which 210,670 hectares or almost one fourth (1/4) of its land area is the City of Puerto Princesa. Likewise, sixty six (66) of its Two Hundred Two (202) barangays, again 1/4 of its total number, belongs to Puerto Princesa.

This representation believes and supports the local government of the foregoing to serve as justification for constituting a lone congressional district for the city with Puerto Princesa.

In view therefore, passage of this bill into law is imperative.



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AN ACT
SEPARATING THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA FROM THE SECOND
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN TO
CONSTITUTE THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF
PUERTO PRINCESA

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

1 **SECTION 1. Lone Legislative District.** - The City of Puerto Princesa is
2 hereby separated from the Second Legislative District of the Province of
3 Palawan to constitute the Lone Legislative District of the City of Puerto
4 Princesa, which shall commence in the next national election after the
5 effectivity of this Act.

6 **SEC. 2. Incumbent Representative.** - The incumbent Representative of
7 the Second Legislative District of the Province of Palawan shall continue to
8 represent the said district until the new Representative of the Lone Legislative
9 District of the City of Puerto Princesa shall have been elected and qualified.

10 **SEC. 3. Rules and Regulations.** - The Commission on Elections shall
11 issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

12 **SEC. 4. Repealing Clause.** - All laws, rules and regulations inconsistent
13 with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

14 **SEC. 5. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
15 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

16 *Approved,*