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AN ACT SEPARATING THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO FROM THE THIRD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA TO CONSTITUTE THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Founded during the Spanish-colonial era¹, San Fernando, the province capital, is strategically located at the heart of Pampanga. Its economic, political and socio-cultural history and movements have made Capampangans proud of their roots and future.

Furthermore, the 1987 Philippine Constitution has a clear and reasonable provision on legislative districts in Paragraph 3 Section 5 of Article VI, stating:

"Each legislative district shall comprise as far as practicable, continuous, 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."

In line with the provision, the Lone District of San Fernando, Pampanga Act of 2015 seeks to create a legislative district for the City of San Fernando and grant the city a voice in the Philippine Congress.

As early as 2007, the City of San Fernando reached a population of almost 270,000 and by 2010, its population grew to over 285,000.

What's more, it is home to a number of manufacturing companies and agricultural processing centers, which provide employment and economic development.

Recently, it welcomed more private investments² and infrastructure developments, providing more opportunities for income, livelihood and employment for more locals and migrants of the region.

With the city's proven success and resiliency, it is only fitting to see San Fernando represented in the Halls of Congress.

In view of the foregoing the passage of this bill is earnestly sought for.




¹ San Fernando, Pampanga. Accessed via <http://cityofsanfernando.gov.ph/forfernandinos> last 20 September 2015.

² "Megaworld to build P30B township in Pampanga." Rappler.com. 8 September 2015. Accessed via <http://www.rappler.com/business/industries/175-real-estate/105028-megaworld-township-pampanga> last 20 September 2015.

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

1 **SECTION 1. Lone Legislative District.** – The City of San Fernando is hereby
2 separated from the Third Legislative District of the Province of Pampanga to
3 constitute the Lone Legislative District of the City of San Fernando, which shall
4 commence in the next national and local elections after the effectivity of this Act.

5 **SEC. 2. Incumbent Representative.** - The incumbent representative of the
6 Third Legislative District of the Province of Pampanga shall continue to represent the
7 said district until the new Representative of the Lone Legislative District of the City
8 of San Fernando shall have been elected and qualified.

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

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

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

16 *Approved,*