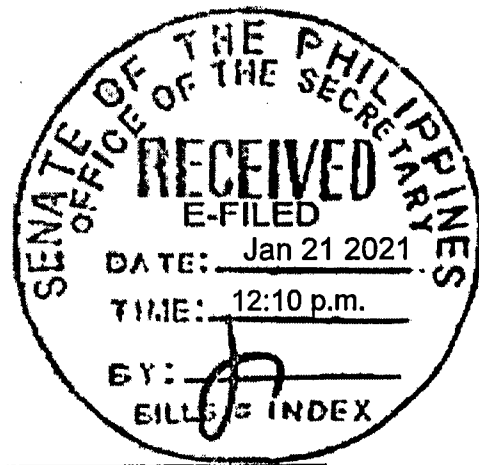


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Republic Act No. 7901 created the Caraga Administrative Region and declared Butuan City as the regional center. Butuan City is the region's gateway and hub of governance, trade, education, transportation, and communication.

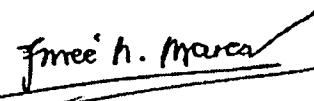
In August 2015, according to the Philippine Statistics Authority, the population in Butuan is at 337,063, 34.8% higher than the minimum population requirement for a legislative district. On the other hand, Agusan del Norte also had its considerable share of development in trade, agriculture, fisheries and tourism in the region which also resulted the increase in its population reaching 354,503.

For these reasons, it has become imperative that the legislative districts in Agusan del Norte be reapportioned. Thus, this bill seeks the reapportionment of the above-mentioned two districts into what shall be known as:

1. Lone District of Butuan City; and
2. Lone District of Agusan del Norte to be composed of the City of Cabadbaran and the Municipalities of Carmen, Nasipit, Buenavista, Tubay, Jabonga, Kitcharao, Magallanes, Santiago, Remedios T. Romualdez, and Las Nieves.

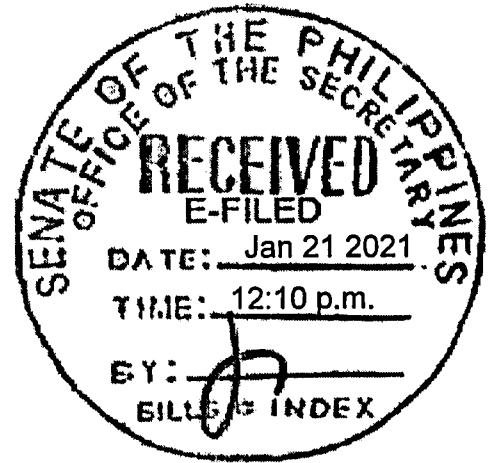
This will also pave the way for the region to meet its socio-economic and political demands as it continues to grow in capital and population.

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:*

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

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5           a) Lone Legislative District of the City of Butuan; and  
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7           b) The legislative district of the Province of Agusan del Norte consisting of the  
8 City of Cabadbaran and the municipalities of Las Nieves, Buenavista,  
9 Carmen, Jabonga, Kitcharao, Magallanes, Nasipit, Remedios T. Romualdez,  
10 Santiago, and Tubay.  
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12           **SEC. 2.** The incumbent Representatives of the First and Second Legislative  
13 Districts of the Province of Agusan del Norte shall continue to represent their  
14 respective legislative districts until the expiration of their term of office.  
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16           **SEC. 3.** The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall issue the necessary rules  
17 and regulations to implement this Act.  
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19           **SEC. 4.** All laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby  
20 repealed, amended or modified accordingly.  
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22           **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
23 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*