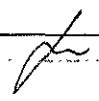


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Having met the requirements set by law under Section 452 of the Local Government Code, the component city of Puerto Princesa was converted into a highly urbanized city by virtue of Proclamation No. 1264, issued by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in 26 March 2007. A plebiscite was subsequently conducted on July 9, 2007 where 37% of its inhabitants ratified the move. Based on COMELEC records, the voter turnout proved to be the highest in the country's history as far as local plebiscites are concerned.

Pursuant to Batas Pambansa Bilang 881, or the Omnibus Election Code, highly urbanized cities are entitled to a congressional representative to be elected in the next immediately succeeding election. Hence, this bill, which seeks to apportion the lone legislative district of the city of Puerto Princesa, a local government unit which has always been a part of the second congressional district of the province.

As the city continues to serve as a thriving center of business, eco-tourism and development in the South, it is only fitting that the constituents therein be given proper representation in the Legislative Branch of government.

Considering that the next elections will be held barely two years from now, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT

**PROVIDING FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE LONE LEGISLATIVE
DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA IN THE PROVINCE OF
PALAWAN**

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

SECTION 1. Legislative Districts. – The lone legislative district of the City of Puerto Princesa in the province of Palawan is hereby apportioned to commence in the next national elections after the effectivity this Act. Henceforth, the municipalities of Aborlan, Narra, Brooke's Point, Espanola, Bataraza, Quezon, Balabac, Rizal and Kalayaan shall remain to comprise the second district of the province.

SEC. 2. Incumbent Representative. – The incumbent Representative of the Second Legislative District of the Province of Palawan shall continue to represent the Lone District of the City of Puerto Princesa until a new Representative shall have been elected in the succeeding national elections.

SEC. 3. Rules and Regulations. – the Commission on Elections shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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

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

Approved ,