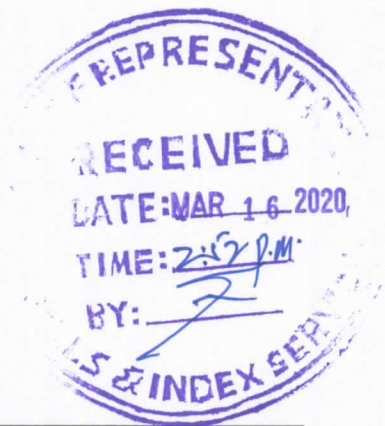


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House Bill No. 6615



Introduced by Representative ERIC GO YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Through the enactment of Republic Act No. 4695, the Province of Benguet was created. Benguet is politically divided into thirteen (13) Municipalities of Atok, Bakun, Bokod, Bugias, Itogon, Kabayan, Kapangan, Kibungan, La Trinidad, Mankayan, Sablan, Tuba, and Tublay.

With the growing population and soaring economy of the Province of Benguet, reapportionment becomes relevant to appropriately address the needs of its constituents. The proposed bill seeks to reapportion the Lone District of Benguet into two (1) Legislative Districts: the First Legislative District shall be composed of the Municipalities of Bokod, Itogon, Kabayan, Sablan, and Tuba while the Second Legislative District shall be composed of the Municipalities of Atok, Bakun, Buguias, Kapangan, Kibungan, La Trinidad, Mankayan, and Tublay.

More so, this bill seeks to ensure equitable representation for the constituents of the Province of Benguet in the legislature and the national government by creating a new legislative District.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET INTO
TWO (2) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

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

SECTION 1. *Legislative Districts.* - In the next national and local elections after the effectivity of this Act, the Province of Benguet is hereby reapportioned into two (2) legislative districts, as follows:

- a. **First Legislative District** - The First Legislative District shall be composed of the municipalities of Bokod, Itogon, Kabayan, Sablan, and Tuba;
- b. **Second Legislative District** - The Second Legislative District shall be composed of the municipalities Atok, Bakun, Buguias, Kapangan, Kibungan, La Trinidad, Mankayan, and Tublay.

SEC. 2. *Incumbent Representative.* - The incumbent Representative for the Lone District of the Province of Benguet shall continue to represent and serve the said district until the Representatives for the two (2) districts shall have been elected and qualified.

SEC. 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* The Commission on Election shall issue the Implementing Rules and Regulation to carry out the implementation of this Act, within 30 days from its approval.

SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* All laws, decrees, orders, issuances, ordinances, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. Effectivity Clause. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette, or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,