

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3074

Introduced by
HON. JULIENNE "JAM" L. BARONDA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to reapportion the lone legislative district and Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Iloilo.

District representatives represent the constituents of the district they are elected in. They represent the identity, interest and concerns of their constituents. Together with other representatives from all over the country, they work to formulate laws to improve the life of the public and to work on solutions responsive to the problems affecting the community.

An additional representative for the Ilonggos would mean an enhanced representation of their interest thereby ensuring the immediate delivery of public services to them. It will be advantageous as the district will be divided into two. This way, the district representative will be more efficient in attending to the concerns of his/her now fewer constituents. This would also mean a significant boost of national government support in favor of Iloilo City.

For this purpose, the creation of another legislative district for Iloilo is necessary.

The creation of a second legislative district of Iloilo City complies with all the requirements of the law. Law and jurisprudence provide that there is no exact number of additional inhabitants that is necessary to create a new legislative district. In the case of *Aquino vs. COMELEC*, the Supreme Court held that "Section 5(3), Article VI of the Constitution requires a city to have a minimum population of 250,000 to be entitled to a representative, it does not have to increase its population by another 250,000 to be entitled to an additional district."¹

This was also the case of the City of Marikina which was granted two legislative districts. Republic Act 9363 was passed in 2006, which reapportioned Marikina City into two new Legislative Districts even though the combined population was only 424,150.²


¹ *Aquino, et al. vs. Comelec*. G.R. No. 189793 (April 7, 2010)

² *Mariano, Jr. vs. COMELEC*, G.R. No. 118577 (March 7, 1995)

Thus, although Iloilo City only has a population of 447, 992 as of August 1, 2015, it can still be legally granted an additional district.³

In this bill, the Lone District of Iloilo City will be divided into two Legislative Districts, namely: (a) The First Legislative District which is to be composed of Jaro, Lapaz, and Manduriao; and (b) the Second Legislative District which is to be composed of City Proper, Molo, Arevalo and Lapuz.

The approval of this bill is highly and earnestly recommended.



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Representative
Lone District of Iloilo City

³ Latest PSA data as of August 1, 2015 based on the 2015 Census Accessible at <http://psa.gov.ph/content/highlights-philippine-population-2015-census-population> (released on May 19, 2016)

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AN ACT
REAPPORTIONING THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT AND THE
SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF ILOILO

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

Section 1. **Legislative Districts** - The City of Iloilo shall have two (2) legislative districts to commence in the next national elections after the effectivity of this Act. Henceforth, all barangays comprising the city districts of Jaro, namely, the forty-two barangays of Arguelles, Balabago, Balantang, Benedicto, Bito-on, Buhang, Buntatala, Calubihan, Camalig, CC EI 98, Cuartero, Cubay, Democracia, Desamparados, Dungon-A, Dungon-B, Fajardo, Fatima, Javellana, Lanit, Lopez Jaena, Luna, Lady of Lourdes, Maria Cristina, M.H. Del Pilar, Motinola, M.V. Hechanova, Sambag, San Isidro, San Jose, San Pedro, San Vicente, San Roque, Seminario, Simon Ledesma, Sta. Isabel-Liberted, Tabuc Suba, Tacas, Tagbac, Taytay Zone II, Quintin Salas, and Ungka; Lapaz, comprising of the twenty-five barangays of Aguinaldo, Divinagracia, Rizal, Jereos, Burgos, Gustilo, Hinactacan, Banuyao, San Isidro, Ticud, Ingore, Caingin, Magdalo, Mac Arthur, San Nicolas, Railway, Tabuc Suba, Baldoza, Nabitasan, Bantud, Luna, Magsaysay Village, Lopez Jaena Sur, Lopez Jaena Norte, and Laguda; and Manduriao, composed of the following eighteen barangays; Airport, Bakhaw, Bolilao, Calahunan, Dungon C, Guzman, Hibao-An Norte, Hibao-An Sur, Nava0is, Onate De Leon, Pali, PHHC Block 17, PHHC Block 22 NHA, Q. Abeto, San Rafael, Sta. Rosa, Tabucan, and Taft North, shall compose the first district, while all barangays comprising City Proper, comprising of forty-five barangays of Arsenal Aduana, Baybay Tanza, Bonifacio Tanza, Concepcion-Montes, Danao, Ed Ganson, Flores, General Hughes-Montes, Gloria, Hipodromo, Inday, Jalandoni-Bagumbayan, Jalandoni Wilson, Kahirupan, Kauswagan, Legaspi Dela Rama, Liberation, Magsaysay, Mabolo, Delgado, Malipayon-Delgado, Maria Clara, Monica Blumentritt, Muelle Loney- Montes, Nonoy, Ortiz, Pres. Roxas, Osmeña, Rima, Rizal, Rizal Estanzuela, Rizal Ibarra, Rizal Palapala I, Rizal Palapala II, Roxas Village, Sampaguita, San Agustin, San Felix, San Jose, Santo Rosario-Duran, Tanza-Esperanza, Timawa Tanza I, Timawa Tanza II, Veterans Village, Villa Anita, Yulo-Arroyo, and Zamora-Melliza; Molo, inclusive of the twenty-five barangays of Aveceña, Boulevard, Calumpang, Cocherio, Compania Central, East Baluarte, East Timawa, Infante, Kasing-Kasing, Katinglingban, North Baluarte, North Fundidor, North San Jose, Poblacion, Salvacion Habog-Habog,

San Antonio, San Juan, San Pedro, South Baluarte, South Fundidor, South San Jose, Taal, Tap-oc, West Habog-Habog, and West Timawa; Arevalo, composed of thirteen barangays of Bonifacio, Calapran, Dulonan, Mohon, Quezon, San Jose, Santa Felomina, Sooc, Santa Cruz, Santo Domingo, Santo Nino Norte, Santo Nino Sur, and Yulo Drive; and Lapuz, inclusive of the following twelve barangays: Lapuz Norte, Loboc, Lapuz Sur, Progreso, Mansaya, Libertad, Jalandoni Estate, Bo. Obrero, Sinikway, Don Esteban, Punong, and Alalasan; shall compose the second district.

Section 2. ***The Sangguniang Panlungsod*** – The Sangguniang Panlungsod, the legislative body of the City, shall be composed of the city vice mayor as the presiding officer, the sangguniang panlungsod members from each district, comprising of seven (7) members per district, who shall be elected in the district where they reside, the president of the city chapter of the *Liga Ng Mga Barangay*, the president of the *Panlungsod Na Pederasyon Ng Mga Sangguniang Kabataan* and other sectoral representatives, as members.

Section 3. ***Incumbent Representative and Sangguniang Panlungsod Members*** – The incumbent representative and the Sangguniang Panlungsod members of the City of Iloilo shall continue to hold office until the new representatives and the Sangguniang Panlungsod members of the City shall have been elected and qualified.

Section 4. ***Rules and Regulations*** – The Commission on Elections shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

Section 5. ***Separability Clause*** - If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 6. ***Repealing Clause*** - The provisions of Commonwealth Act No. 57, as amended by Commonwealth Act Nos. 158 and 604, Republic Act Nos. 276 and 1209 and all other laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 7. ***Effectivity*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,