Republic of the Philippines **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS

First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 5647



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE LEONARDO L. BABASA, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As a result of the transfer of the Regional Center (Region IX) from Zamboanga City to Pagadian City in 2004 pursuant to Memorandum Circular No. 75, Pagadian City and the entire Province of Zamboanga del Sur has experienced tremendous growth in infrastructure and population. According to the official census of the Philippine Statistics Authority (as of 2015), the Province of Zamboanga del Sur has a total population of 1,010,674.

On the basis of the constitutional requirements on geography and population¹ and on the principles of democratic and proportional legislative representation in the House of Representatives, this bill proposes to reapportion the Province of Zamboanga del Sur from two (2) to three (3) Legislative Districts, in the following manner:

First District - the municipalities of Aurora (50,755); Dumingag (47,485); Josefina (11,799); Mahayag (46,576); Midsalip (32,075); Molave (52,006); Ramon Magsaysay (26,606); Sominot (18,537) and Tambulig (36,160) with a total population of **321,939**.

Second District - the municipalities of Dumalinao (32,013); Labangan (41,790); Tukuran (39,683) and the City of Pagadian (199,060), with a total population of **312,683**.

Third District - the municipalities of Bayog (33,591); Dimataling (30,081); Dinas (35,504); Guipos (20,729); Kumalarang (28,469); Lakewood (20,374), Lapuyan (27,264); Margosatubig (37,873), Pitogo (27,057); San Miguel (19,205); San Pablo (26,106); Tabina (25,061), Tigbao (20,979) and Vincenzo Sagun (23,759), with a total population of **376,052**.

¹ Article VI, Sec.5

This bill if approved will rectify the under-representation in the House of Representatives of the people of the Province of Zamboanga del Sur by adding an additional seat in order that the province, after a more appropriate and equitable reapportionment will receive the proper representation in the House of Representatives.

Hence, immediate approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR INTO THREE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

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

SECTION 1. Legislative Districts. The province of Zamboanga del Sur, which shall have three (3) legislative districts to commence in the next national elections after the effectivity of this Act, is hereby reapportioned as follows:

FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

1. Aurora

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- 2. Dumingag
- 3. Josefina
- 4. Mahayag
- 5. Midsalip
- 6. Molave
- 7. Ramon Magsaysay
- 8. Sominot
- 9. Tambulig

SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

- 1. Dumalinao
- 2. Labangan
- 3. Tukuran
- 4. Pagadian City

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

1. Bayog

- 2. Dimataling
- 3. Dinas

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- 4. Dumalinao
- 5. Guipos
- 6. Kumalarang
- 7. Lakewood
- 8. Lapuyan
- 9. Margosatubig
- 10. Pitogo
- 11. San Miguel
- 12. San Pablo
- 13. Tabina
- 14. Tigbao
- 15. Vincenzo Sagun

SECTION 2. Rules and Regulations. The Commission on Election shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SECTION 3. Repealing Clause. All laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,