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House Bill No. 1618



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution grants the Congress the power to reapportion legislative districts based on Article VI Section 5 Paragraphs 3 and 4, which states that:

(3) Each legislative district shall comprise, as far as practicable, contiguous, compact, and adjacent territory. Each city with a population of at least two hundred fifty thousand, or each province, shall have at least one representative.

(4) Within three years following the return of every census, the Congress shall make a reapportionment of legislative districts based on the standards provided in this section.

The Province of Quezon is one of the biggest provinces in the Philippines by land area and a major contributor to the country's growth and development. To maximize its potential, the people of the Province of Quezon must be given the opportunity to participate in national legislative affairs through their district representatives, the number of which must be based on the above-mentioned provision in the Constitution.

Based on the 2015 census conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority, the Province of Quezon has a population of 1,856,582 and the highly urbanized city of Lucena with 266,248. In sum, the total population of Quezon is two million hundred twenty-two thousand eight hundred thirty (2,122,830).

More than two million people of the Province of Quezon are currently represented by only four (4) district representatives. On the average, this shows that each Quezon Representative serves as the voice of more than five hundred thirty thousand constituents. The disproportionate number of constituents for each Quezon District Representative hampers their ability to reach out and provide adequate representation in Congress.

Thus, the reapportionment of the four districts is deemed fitting to meet the socio-economic and political demands of the province, as Quezon continues to grow in capital and population.

This bill is re-filed from the 17th Congress.

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



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1 AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE CURRENT FOUR (4) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS OF
2 THE PROVINCE OF QUEZON TO SEVEN (7) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

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

4 **SECTION 1. *Reapportionment of the Four (4) Legislative Districts of the Province of***
5 ***Quezon.*** – The Province of Quezon shall have seven (7) legislative districts to commence in the
6 next national elections after the effectivity of this Act.

7 **SEC. 2. *Composition of new Districts.*** – The seven (7) legislative districts shall be
8 composed of the following:

9 **DISTRICT 1 (NORTHERN QUEZON)**

- 10 1. Burdeos
11 2. General Nakar
12 3. Infanta
13 4. Jomalig
14 5. Panukulan
15 6. Patnanungan
16 7. Polilio
17 8. Real
18 9. Mauban

19 **DISTRICT 1B (CENTRAL QUEZON)**

- 20 1. Lucban
21 2. Pagbilao
22 3. Sampaloc
23 4. Tayabas City

1 **DISTRICT 2**

- 2 1. Candelaria
3 2. Dolores
4 3. San Antonio
5 4. Sariaya
6 5. Tiaong

7 **LONE DISTRICT**

- 8 1. Lone District of Lucena

9 **BONDOC PENINSULA DISTRICT**

- 10 1. Agdangan
11 2. Catanauan
12 3. General Luna
13 4. Macalelon
14 5. Mulanay
15 6. Padre Burgos
16 7. Pitogo
17 8. San Francisco
18 9. Unisan

19 **LAMON BAY AREA DISTRICT**

- 20 1. Alabat
21 2. Atimonan
22 3. Calauag
23 4. Gumaca
24 5. Lopez
25 6. Perez
26 7. Plaridel
27 8. Quezon

28 **RAGAY GULF DISTRICT**

- 29 1. Buenavista
30 2. Guinayangan
31 3. San Narciso
32 4. San Andres
33 5. Tagkawayan

1 **SEC. 3. *Election of Representative.*** – The election for the Representatives of the
2 reapportioned districts of the Province of Quezon under this Act shall take place during the next
3 national and local elections after the effectivity of this Act and every three (3) years thereafter.

4 **SEC. 4 *Sangguniang Panlalawigan.*** – In accordance with the reapportionment mandated
5 by this Act, there shall be elected two (2) Sangguniang Panlalawigan members in each district in
6 the next national and local elections.

7 **SEC. 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.*** – The Commission on Elections shall
8 issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

9 **SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, rules and regulations and other issuances
10 or part thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended,
11 repealed, or modified accordingly.

12 **SEC. 7. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
13 the Official Gazette or in any two newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines, whichever
14 comes earlier.

15 Approved.