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EXPLANATORY NOTE

As when the population of a particular legislative district exceeds the required the number of population, which is two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) inhabitants; it becomes imperative to divide the present legislative district in order not to forestall socio-economic initiatives targeted towards the development of the lives of its constituents. This is a constitutional mandate which the legislative department must exercise. In relation to this, two terms, apportionment and reapportionment, must be clearly defined to fully understand the intent of this constitutional mandate.

Legislative apportionment, as defined by Black's Law Dictionary, is the determination of the number of representatives which a State, county or other subdivision may send to a legislative body. It also refers to the allocation of seats in a legislative body in proportion to the population, the aim of which is "to equalize population and voting power among districts." Reapportionment, on the other hand, is the realignment or change in legislative districts brought about by changes in population in accordance with the constitutional provision on equality of representation.

Pursuant to this, the present proposal seeks to reapportion the lone legislative district of San Jose Del Monte, Province of Bulacan to constitute two legislative districts. The city, a first class suburb city in the province of Bulacan, is the 19th most populated city in the Philippines based on the 2015 census, with a growing population of approximately 600,000. The continuous influx of beneficiaries of least forty (40) relocation projects constructed by the national government through the National Housing Authority for the informal settlers within Metropolitan Manila, including the construction of more than 150 residential subdivisions in the City contributes to the population boom. For effective and efficient delivery of basic social services, reapportionment is necessary. In view of the foregoing, the approval of this re-filed Bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF
SAN JOSE DEL MONTE CITY IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN,
HEREBY CREATING TWO LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS, AND PROVIDING
FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The Lone District of San Jose del Monte, Province of Bulacan is hereby reapportioned, hereby creating two (2) legislative districts to commence in the next national and local elections after the effectivity of this Act.

In furtherance thereof, the Lone Legislative District of San Jose Del Monte City is hereby reapportioned as follows:

Legislative District I - Poblacion, Poblacion I, Ciudad Real, Dulong Bayan, Francisco Homes Guijo, Francisco Homes Mulawin, Francisco Homes Narra, Francisco Homes Yakal, Gaya-Gaya, Grace Ville, Gumaoc Central, Gumaoc East, Gumaoc West, Kaybanban, Kaypian, Maharlika, Muzon Paradise 3, San Isidro, San Manuel, San Roque, Sto. Cristo, and Tungkong Mangga.

Legislative District II - Assumption, Bagong Buhay I, Bagong Buhay II, Bagong Buhay III, Citrus, Fatima I, Fatima II, Fatima III, Fatima IV, Fatima V, San Martin I, San Martin II, San Martin III, San Martin IV, San Pedro, San Rafael I, San Rafael II, San Rafael III, San Rafael IV, San Rafael V, Sta. Cruz I, Sta. Cruz II, Sta. Cruz III, Sta. Cruz IV, Sta. Cruz V, Martin De Pores, Sto. Niño I, Sto. Niño II, Lawang Pare and Sapang Palay Proper.

SEC. 2. Sangguniang Panlungsod. - In addition to the two districts for the sanggunian, two more districts are hereby created. Five (5) regular Sangguniang Panlungsod members for each of the four districts shall be elected, in addition to the president of the city chapter of the liga ng mga barangay, the president of the panlungsod na pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan and three sectoral representatives.

SEC. 3. Incumbent Representative and Sangguniang Panlungsod Members. - The incumbent Representative and Sangguniang Panlungsod members representing the two council districts shall continue to hold office until the new Representatives and Sangguniang Panlungsod members shall have been elected and qualified.

SEC. 4. Appropriations. - The sums necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be incorporated in the Annual General Appropriations Act for the Lone

Legislative District of San Jose Del Monte for the year of the election of its two (2) representatives and twenty (20) Sangguniang Panlungsod members and for the subsequent years thereafter.

SEC. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - The Commission on Elections shall formulate and issue the necessary guidelines for the proper implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. Repealing Clause- Section 58 of Republic Act No. 8797, otherwise known as " An Act Converting the Municipality of San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan into a Component City to be known as the City of San Jose Del Monte and providing funds therefor" is hereby amended. All other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified.

SEC. 7. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Approved,