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HOUSE BILL NO. 2528

Introduced by Honorable Roger G. Mercado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

For many years the province of Southern Leyte has a Lone Congressional district. Since its creation as a province in 1960 its population has more than doubled. The steady rise in its population has put an enormous strain on the lone congressional office's capability to serve its constituents considering that a congressional district is designed to serve a population of only 250,000.

It is for this reason that the need for additional representation has to be addressed. By subdividing the whole Province of Southern Leyte into two (2) congressional district, an additional district office will be created. If approved, the whole province will be represented by two congressmen who will manage two congressional district offices. Once operational, the two congressional districts can surely improve the services that it can offer to its constituents. The quality of legislation will improve also.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is hereby being earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF
SOUTHERN LEYTE INTO TWO (2) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS**

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

SECTION 1. On the next national and local elections after the effectivity of this Act, the Province of Southern Leyte is hereby reapportioned into two (2) legislative districts, as follows:

- a. **First Legislative District** – The First Legislative District shall be composed of the City of Maasin and the municipalities of Macrohon, Padre Burgos, Limasawa, Malitbog, Tomas Oppus and Bontoc;
- b. **Second Legislative District** – The Second Legislative District shall be composed of the municipalities of Sogod, Liloan, San Francisco, Pintuyan, San Ricardo, Saint Bernard, Anahawan, San Juan, Hinundayan, Hinunangan and Silago.

SECTION 2. The incumbent Representative of the Lone Legislative District of the Province of Southern Leyte shall continue to represent the legislative district until the new representative of the First and Second Legislative Districts shall have been elected and qualified.

SECTION 3. The Commission on Elections shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SECTION 4. All laws, rules and regulations, which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,