

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

**18<sup>th</sup> Congress**  
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 5866



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**Introduced by: Reps. LORNA C. SILVERIO, JOSE ANTONIO "Kuya" R. SY  
ALVARADO, GAVINI "Apol" C. PANCHO, HENRY R. VILLARICA,  
FLORIDA "Rida" P. ROBES**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill proposes for the reapportionment of the legislative districts in the Province of Bulacan from the current four (4) to seven (7), with the Constitution providing for in:

"The 1987 Philippine Constitution in Article VI Section 5. (1) The House of Representatives shall be composed of not more than two hundred and fifty members, unless otherwise fixed by law, who shall be elected from legislative districts apportioned among the provinces, cities, and the Metropolitan Manila area in accordance with the number of their respective inhabitants, and on the basis of a uniform and progressive ratio, and those who, as provided by law, shall be elected through a party-list system of registered national, regional, and sectoral parties or organizations.

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(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 Bulacan was initially divided into four (4) legislative districts on February 1987 under the guidelines set by the Constitution. The original setup is as follows:

District I – Bulakan, Calumpit, Hagonoy, City of Malolos, Paombong, Pulilan

District II – Balagtas, Baliwag, Bocaue, Bustos, Guiguinto, Pandi, Plaridel

District III – Angat, Doña Remedios Trinidad, Norzagaray, San Rafael, San Ildefonso, San Miguel

District IV- Marilao, Meycauayan, Obando, San Jose del Monte, Sta. Maria

But in the recent years, the erstwhile Municipalities of San Jose, Malolos and Meycauayan were converted into cities during the years 2000, 2002 and 2006 in that order.

And by virtue of Republic Act 9230 which amended RA 8797 ( An Act Converting the Municipality of SJDM, Bulacan into a Component city to be known as the City of San Jose del Monte), separated the said city from the Fourth District of Bulacan whereafter became the Lone District of San Jose del Monte in 2003 after satisfying the requisites of the law.

Another district was created in 2009 when Congress passed Republic Act 9591, amending the Charter of the City of Malolos and was en route to become separate and distinct from the First Congressional district until it was stricken down by the Supreme Court because it did not meet the required minimum population of 250,000.

As of the moment Bulacan has a total of five legislative districts, the original four and the lone district of San Jose del Monte comprising such.

Based on the 2015 Census on Population, the reapportionment of the legislative districts of the Province of Bulacan would be determined as follows:

Proposed	Population (2015)
Lone district of the City of San Jose del Monte	574,089
<u>First district</u>	
City of Malolos	252,074
Bulakan	76,565
Calumpit	108,757
Hagonoy	129,807
Paombong	53,294
Pulilan	97,323
Total:	717,820
<u>Second district</u>	
Baliuag	149,954
Bustos	67,039
Plaridel	107,805
Guiguinto	99,730
Total:	424,528



### Third district

San Ildefonso	104,471
San Rafael	94,655
San Miguel	153,882
DRT	22,663
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Total:	375,671

### Fourth district

Marilao	221,965
City of Meycauayan	209,083
Obando	59,197
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Total:	490,245

### Fifth district

Balagtas	73,929
Pandi	89,075
Bocaue	119,675
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Total:	282,679

## Sixth district

Santa Maria	256,454
Norzagaray	111,348
Angat	59,237


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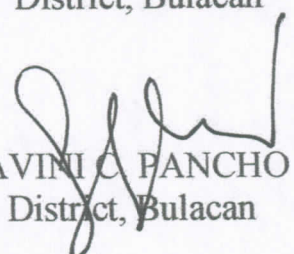
Total:	427,039
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This bill aims to address the lack of representation of the Province of Bulacan in Congress given the population increase since the Constitution's inception in 1987.

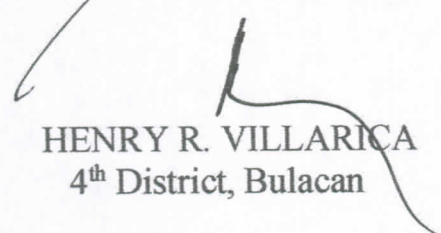
In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

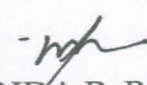
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**AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN INTO SEVEN REGULAR  
DISTRICTS**

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

**Section 1. Redistricting** – The Province of Bulacan is hereby reapportioned into seven (7) Legislative districts as follows:

- A. First District : Calumpit, Hagonoy, Paombong, Pulilan, Bulakan, City of Malolos
- B. Second District : Baliuag, Bustos, Plaridel, Guiguinto
- C. Third District : San Ildefonso, San Miguel, San Rafael, Dona Remedios Trinidad
- D. Fourth District : Obando, Marilao and the City of Meycauayan
- E. Fifth District : Balagtas, Pandi, Bocaue
- F. Sixth District : Sta. Maria, Norzagaray, Angat
- G. Lone District of City of San Jose del Monte


**Section 2. Incumbent Representatives** - The incumbent Representatives of the Province of Bulacan shall continue to represent their said Districts until the new Representatives of the reapportioned area shall have been elected and qualified in a special congressional elections for the said purpose.

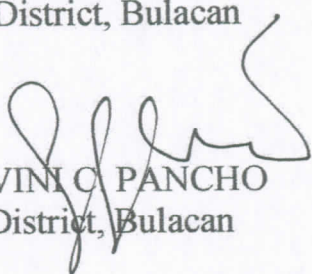
**Section 3. Rules and Regulations** – The Commission on Elections shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

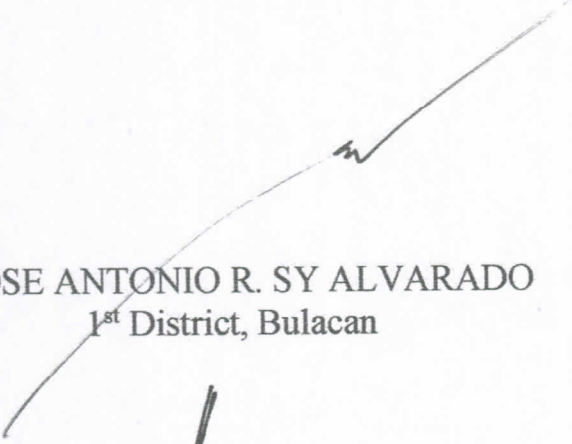
**Section 4. Repealing Clause** - All laws, executive orders, proclamations, presidential decrees, rules and regulations and other issuances, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

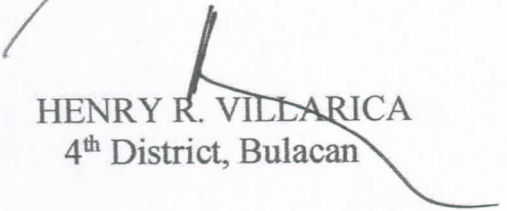
**Section 5. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) National newspapers of general circulation.

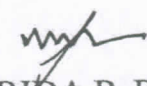
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