



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6071

Introduced by Honorable Roger G. Mercado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Southern Leyte was recently splitted into two congressional districts under R.A. 11198. The said Act has exposed the unforeseen economic cost of maintaining two congressional district which seem unsustainable at this time given the limited resources of the government.

Moreover, the ensuing political turmoil that followed the redistricting has cast some dark clouds on the economic future of the second district. Obviously, the political struggle of neophytes seeking to represent the second district raised some deep concerns among local leaders who doubt the continuity of the good programs laid by the highly competent representative recently. They felt abandoned by the seasoned veteran that used to represent them. Fears of an economic slowdown out of poor political representation quickly spread among constituents.

The only solution our constituents had in mind is the repeal of R.A 11198 that will revert Southern Leyte into a lone legislative district.

Therefore, passage of this bill is hereby being earnestly sought.

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AN ACT REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11198 ENTITLED, "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE INTO TWO (2) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS"

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

- SECTION 1. Republic Act No. 11198 entitled, "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE INTO TWO (2) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS" is hereby repealed.
- SECTION 2. For purpose of legislation, the Province of Southern Leyte shall be known as the Lone District of Southern Leyte in accordance with this Act.
- 6 **SECTION 3**. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
- 7 Approved,