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Introduced by Representatives Carmelo Lazatin II and Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo

AN ACT SEPARATING ANGELES CITY FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA TO CONSTITUTE THE LONE DISTRICT OF ANGELES CITY

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The City of Angeles is a highly urbanized city in the province of Pampanga. It was inaugurated as a chartered city on January 1, 1964. It is bordered by Mabalacat to the north, Bacolor to the south, Mexico to the east, and Porac to the west.

As of 2015, Angeles City has a population of 411,634. It has also earned an income of over Php 900,000,000.00 in the same year. The city consists of 33 barangays and it has a total land area of 6,337.39 hectares. The Clark Special Economic Zone and the Clark International Airport also lie within the city.

Angeles is one of the most progressive cities in the province. In fact, it is considered as the "Premier City of Central Luzon". It has several commercial and business establishments such as supermalls, recreational parks, banks, schools, hospitals, markets and so on.

In order to continue the path towards progress and development, this bill seeks to separate the City of Angeles from the First District of the Province of Pampanga and therefore constitute the Lone District of Angeles City.

Section 5, Paragraph 3 of Article VI of the Constitution states that: "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."

With the continued growth of its population and income, the City of Angeles deserves to become an independent legislative district. As a lone district, the city will be represented and heard in Congress. Its independency as a lone legislative district will provide more opportunities for the city to maximize its resources and fulfill its plans and programs toward sustainable growth and development which will be inclusive to all its inhabitants.

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

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

SECTION 1. The City of Angeles is hereby separated from the First District of the Province of Pampanga to constitute the Lone District of Angeles City which shall commence in the next national elections after the effectivity of this Act. Henceforth, only Mabalacat City and the Municipality of Magalang shall comprise the First District of Pampanga.

- SEC. 2. The Commission on Elections shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.
- SEC. 3. All laws, executive orders, rules or regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.
- SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,