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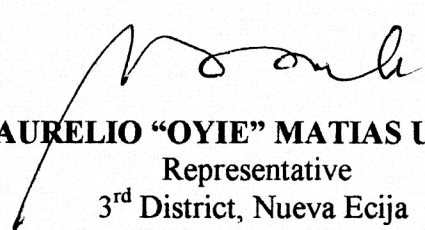
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Province of Nueva Ecija has a present population of One Million Six Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Three (1,662,883). They are represented in the Provincial Board by ten (10) Board Members elected on a district basis.

At present, the qualified voters of the Third District of Nueva Ecija, composed of the Cities of Palayan and Cabanatuan and the Municipalities of Sta. Rosa, Laur, Bongabon, Natividad and Gabaldon, are allowed to choose two (2) members to represent them in the Provincial Board. However, because of the growing population of the district and considering the fact that the economic and political center of the province is located within the said district, the growing needs of the district can no longer be fully served by only two (2) board members.

It is a basic principle in law that legislations are not supposed to provide rules for the passing moment but rules of greater permanence. The proposed additional board membership for the Third District is expected to adequately address the growing needs of this fast developing district, an objective of great permanence.

The immediate approval of this bill is therefore, earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
INCREASING THE NUMBER OF PROVINCIAL BOARD MEMBERS
REPRESENTING THE THIRD DISTRICT OF NUEVA ECIJA FROM THE
PRESENT TWO (2) MEMBERS TO THREE (3) MEMBERS

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

SECTION 1. The number of Provincial Board Members representing the Third District of Nueva Ecija is hereby increased from the present two (2) members to three (3) members. Henceforth, the qualified voters of the Third District of Nueva Ecija shall be entitled to vote for three Sangguniang Panlalawigan members.

SECTION 2. The increase shall take effect in the elections following the approval of this act.

SECTION 3. All laws, executive orders, and other executive issuances inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed and/or amended accordingly. The Secretary of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.