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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1128

Introduced by **Representative Renato J. Unico, Jr.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The province of Camarines Norte was created on March 3, 1919 by virtue of the Philippine Legislature Act 2809 that permanently separated Camarines Norte from Camarine Sur. At present, the province is composed twelve (12) towns, namely, Basud, Capalonga, Jose Panganiban, Labo, Mercedes, Paracale, San Lorenzo Ruiz, San Vicente, Talisay, Vinzons, Sta. Elena and Daet as its capital.

Located in the northern part of the Bicol Region, it is popularly known as the "Gateway to Bicolandia" since it is the first province after the province of Quezon.

The province is one of the most peaceful in the region. This explains the phenomenal growth in population brought about by heavy migration from all over the country. It has since become the center of gold mining in Bicol region and the home of the *Formosa Pineapple* in the country.

Since 1992, the province had already redistricted in so far as the election of Provincial Board Members are concerned. The first district comprise of the towns of Capalonga, Jose Panganiban, Labo, Paracale and Sta. Elena; while the second district consist of the towns of Basud, Daet, Mercedes, San Lorenzo Ruiz, San Vicente, Talisay and Vinzons.

The 2000 Census indicate that there are almost Five Hundred Thousand inhabitants in the province far too many to have only one Representative in the House of Representatives. By the year 2004, the province's population is expected to break Six Hundred Thousand making the legislation of this Bill very timely. In addition, the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines also provides for the reappointment of legislative districts within three (3) years following the return of every census. It is noted, however, that the last Census was done in the year 2000.

Therefore, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.

HON. RENATO J. UNICO, JR.

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Lone District, Camarines Norte

AN ACT
CREATING A SECOND CONRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE BY SPLITTING THE PRESENT LONE DISTRICT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Province of Camarines Norte is hereby reapportioned by splitting the Province into two congressional districts.

SECTION 2. The First District shall comprise of the territory north of the province with the towns of Capalonga, Jose Panganiban, Labo, Paracale, Sta. Elena and all the barangays located therein; while the Second District shall comprise of the territory south of the province with the towns of Basud, Daet, Mercedes, San Lorenzo Ruiz, San Vicente, Talisay, Vinzons and all the barangays located therein.

SECTION 3. The first regular election for each District shall coincide with the regular election following its enactment into law and the incumbent Representative shall continue to represent the entire Province until his term expires.

SECTION 4. Only those registered in the territory of each District may qualify to run for Representative of the said District; Provided, however that the incumbent Representative shall have the option to choose the District to which he will belong by making a formal declaration not later than the last day of filing certificates of candidacy pursuant to law.

SECTION 5. The Commission on Elections shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 6. The necessary appropriations for the two Districts shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

APPROVED.