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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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House Bill No. 1292

Introduced by Honorable Darlene Magnolia R. Antonino-Custodio

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure seeks the reappointment of legislative districts throughout the country among provinces and cities.

The 1987 Constitution, under Article VI, Section 5 (4) mandates the Congress to make a reapportionment of legislative districts within three (3) years following the return of every census. Such census is conducted every ten (10) years beginning the year 1980 with May 1 of every regular census year as the reference date. Since there has been a return of the 2000 census, showing a population nationwide of 76.5 million, Congress may now reapportion such legislative districts which need reapportionment in order to ensure equal representation of the people in the coming national elections.

The basis for determining how many districts there will be in each province or city will be one (1) district per two hundred fifty-thousand (250,000) population. However, the Constitution provides, under Article VI, Section 5 (3) that each province, regardless of population, shall have at least one (1) representative, as in the case of Batanes, which had only a population of 16,467 as of May 2000, and even lower before that, has been entitled to one seat. On the other hand, in the case of a city, the same provision is more explicit in that the population of the city must at least be two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) to be entitled to have a representative. As reflected in the result of the latest census, the population in some districts have increased tremendously, thus necessitating additional representation. Hence this bill.

It is envisioned that through this measure, equality of representation which is a basic principle of republicanism, shall be achieved thru reapportionment of districts which, following the constitutional requirement, shall, as far as practicable, be comprised of contiguous, compact and adjacent territory.

To make the House of Representatives a truly representative of the people, approval of this measure is earnestly urged.


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AN ACT
REAPPORTIONING THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT THE
COUNTRY AMONG PROVINCES AND CITIES.

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

SECTION 1. The 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines under Article VI, Section 5 (4) of the 1987 Constitution mandates that Congress shall make a reapportionment of the legislative districts within three (3) years following the return of every census.

SEC. 2. On May 2000, the National Statistics Office conducted a census which is now known as the 2000 Census of Population and Housing (CPH). The results of the 2000 CPH were proclaimed and declared official for all programs by the President of the Philippines under Proclamation No. 28, dated 18 April 2001. Accordingly, the legislative districts in the provinces and cities throughout the country and the Metropolitan Manila Area shall be reapportioned as follows:

CHAPTER ONE – METRO MANILA

- 1.1 MANILA – Same six (6) districts
- 1.2 CALOOCAN CITY- From two (2) to four (4) districts
- 1.3 QUEZON CITY – From four (4) to eight (8) districts
- 1.4 LAS PIÑAS – Lone District
- 1.5 MUNTINLUPA CITY – Lone District
- 1.6 NAVOTAS – Lone District
- 1.7 MALABON – Lone District
- 1.8 MAKATI CITY – Same two (2) districts
- 1.9 MANDALUYONG CITY – Lone District
- 1.10 SAN JUAN – Lone District
- 1.11 VALENZUELA – Two [2] District
- 1.12 PASAY CITY – Lone District

- 1.13 MARIKINA CITY – Lone District
- 1.14 PARAÑAQUE CITY – Lone District
- 1.15 PASIG CITY – From one (1) to two (2) districts
- 1.16 PATEROS AND TAGUIG – Lone District

CHAPTER TWO – REGION 1

- 2.1 ILOCOS NORTE with Laoag City – Same two (2) districts
- 2.2 ILOCOS SUR – Same two (2) districts
- 2.3 LA UNION – Same two (2) districts
- 2.4 PANGASINAN with the Cities of Dagupan and San Carlos – From six (6) to nine (9) districts

CHAPTER THREE – CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

- 3.1 ABRA – Lone District
- 3.2 APAYAO – Lone District
- 3.3 BENGUET – Lone District
- 3.4 BAGUIO CITY - Lone District
- 3.5 IFUGAO – Lone District
- 3.6 MOUNTAIN PROVINCE – Lone District
- 3.7 KALINGA – Lone District

CHAPTER FOUR – REGION II

- 4.1 BATANES – Lone District
- 4.2 CAGAYAN – Same three (3) districts
- 4.3 ISABELA – from four (4) to five (5) districts
- 4.4 NUEVA VIZCAYA – Lone District
- 4.5 QUIRINO – Lone District

CHAPTER FIVE – REGION III

- 5.1 BATAAN – Same two (2) districts
- 5.2 SAN JOSE DEL MONTE CITY – Lone District
- 5.3 BULACAN – From four (4) to seven (7) districts
- 5.4 NUEVA ECIJA – From four (4) to six (6) districts
- 5.5 PAMPANGA – From four (4) to six (6) districts
- 5.6 ANGELES CITY – Lone District
- 5.7 TARLAC – From three (3) districts to four (4) districts
- 5.8 ZAMBALES with Olongapo City – Same two (2) districts

CHAPTER SIX – REGION IV

- 6.1 AURORA – Lone District

- 6.2 BATANGAS with the Cities of Batangas and Lipa – From four (4) to seven (7) districts
- 6.3 CAVITE with the Cities of Tagaytay, Cavite and Trece Martires – From three (3) to eight (8) districts
- 6.4 LAGUNA with the City of San Pablo – From four (4) to seven (7) districts
- 6.5 MARINDUQUE – Lone District
- 6.6 OCCIDENTAL MINDORO – Lone District
- 6.7 ORIENTAL MINDORO – Same two (2) districts
- 6.8 PALAWAN with the City of Puerto Princesa – From two (2) to three (3) districts
- 6.9 QUEZON PROVINCE with the City of Lucena – From four (4) to six (6) districts
- 6.10 RIZAL – From two (2) to five (5) districts
- 6.11 ANTIPOLO CITY – (2) districts
- 6.12 ROMBLON – Lone District

CHAPTER SEVEN – REGION V

- 7.1 ALBAY with Legaspi City – From three (3) to four (4) districts
- 7.2 CAMARINES NORTE – Lone District
- 7.3 CAMARINES SUR with the Cities of Naga and Iriga – From four (4) to six (6) districts
- 7.4 CATANDUANES – Lone District
- 7.5 MASBATE – Same three (3) districts
- 7.6 SORSOGON – Same two (2) districts

CHAPTER EIGHT – REGION VI

- 8.1 AKLAN – Lone District
- 8.2 ANTIQUE – Lone District
- 8.3 CAPIZ – Same two (2) districts
- 8.4 ILOILO – From five (5) to six (6) districts
- 8.5 GUIMARAS – Lone District
- 8.6 ILOILO CITY – Lone District
- 8.7 BACOLOD CITY – Lone District
- 8.8 NEGROS OCCIDENTAL – From six (6) to eight (8) districts

CHAPTER NINE – REGION VII

- 9.1 BOHOL with Tagbilaran City – From three (3) to four (4) districts
- 9.2 CEBU CITY – Same two (2) districts
- 9.3 CEBU with the Cities of Danao, Lapulapu and Toledo – From six (6) to nine (9) districts
- 9.4 MANDAUE CITY – Lone District
- 9.5 NEGROS ORIENTAL with the Cities of Bais, Canlaon and Dumaguete – From three (3) to four (4) districts
- 9.6 SIQUIJOR – Lone District

CHAPTER TEN – REGION VIII

- 10.1 BILIRAN – Lone District
- 10.2 EASTERN SAMAR – Lone District
- 10.3 NORTHERN SAMAR – Same two (2) districts
- 10.4 SAMAR with Calbayog City – Same two (2) districts
- 10.5 SOUTHERN LEYTE – Lone District
- 10.6 LEYTE with the Cities of Tacloban and Ormoc – From five (5) to six (6) districts

CHAPTER ELEVEN – REGION IX

- 11.1 ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE with the Cities of Dapitan and Dipolog – Same three (3) districts
- 11.2 ZAMBOANGA CITY – From one (1) to two (2) districts
- 11.3 ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR with the City of Pagadian – From two (2) to three (3) districts
- 11.4 ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY – From one (1) to two (2)

CHAPTER TWELVE – REGION X

- 12.1 BUKIDNON – From three (3) to four (4) districts
- 12.2 CAMIGUIN – Lone District
- 12.3 CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY – Lone District
- 12.4 MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL with the cities of Oroquieta, Ozamis and Tangub – Same two (2) districts
- 12.5 MISAMIS ORIENTAL with Gingoog City – Same two (2) districts
- 12.6 LANAO DEL NORTE – two districts
- 12.7 ILIGAN CITY – Lone District

CHAPTER THIRTEEN – REGION XI

- 13.1 DAVAO CITY - From three (3) to four (4) districts
- 13.2 DAVAO ORIENTAL – Same two (2) districts
- 13.3 DAVAO DEL SUR – From two (2) to three (3) districts
- 13.4 DAVAO DEL NORTE – same two (2) districts
- 13.5 COMPOSTELA VALLEY – Same two (2) districts

CHAPTER FOURTEEN – REGION XII

- 14.1 SARANGANI – Lone District
- 14.2 SOUTH COTABATO – Two (2) districts
- 14.3 GENERAL SANTOS CITY – Lone District
- 14.4 SULTAN KUDARAT – From one (1) to two (2) districts
- 14.5 NORTH COTABATO – From two (2) to three (3) districts

CHAPTER FIFTEEN – REGION XIII

- 15.1 AGUSAN DEL NORTE with Butuan City – Same two (2) districts
15.2 AGUSAN DEL SUR – From one (1) to two (2) districts
15.3 SURIGAO DEL NORTE with the City of Surigao – Same two (2) districts
15.4 SURIGAO DEL SUR – Same two (2) districts

CHAPTER SIXTEEN – AUTONOMOUS REGION FOR MUSLIM MINDANAO

- 16.1 BASILAN – Lone District
16.2 LANAO DEL SUR – Same two (2) districts
16.3 MAGUINDANAO with Cotabato City – From two (2) to three (3) districts
16.4 SULU – Same two (2) districts
16.5 TAWI-TAWI – Lone District

SEC. 3. The increase in the existing legislative districts in the provinces and cities throughout the country and the Metropolitan Manila are hereby summarized as follows:

AREA	EXISTING	PROPOSED
MANILA	6	6
CALOOCAN CITY	2	4
QUEZON CITY	4	8
LAS PIÑAS	1	1
MUNTINLUPA CITY	1	1
NAVOTAS with		1
MALABON	1	1
MAKATI CITY	2	2
MANDALUYONG CITY	1	1
SAN JUAN	1	1
VALENZUELA	2	2
PASAY CITY	1	1
MARIKINA CITY	1	1
PARAÑAQUE CITY	1	1
PASIG CITY	1	2
PATEROS and TAGUIG	1	1
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	26	34

REGION 1

ILOCOS NORTE with		
Laoag City	2	2
ILOCOS SUR	2	2
LA UNION	2	2

PANGASINAN with the Cities of Dagupan And San Carlos	6	9
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	12	15

CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

ABRA	1	1
BENGUET	1	1
BAGUIO CITY	1	1
IFUGAO	1	1
MOUNTAIN PROVINCE	1	1
KALINGA	1	1
APAYAO	1	1
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	7	7

REGION II

BATANES	1	1
CAGAYAN	3	3
ISABELA	4	5
NUEVA VIZCAYA	1	1
QUIRINO	1	1
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	10	11

REGION III

BATAAN	2	2
BULACAN	4	7
SAN JOSE DEL MONTE CITY		1
NUEVA ECHJA	4	6
PAMPANGA	4	6
ANGELES CITY		1
TARLAC	3	4
ZAMBALES with Olongapo City	2	2
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	19	29

REGION IV

AURORA	1	1
BATANGAS with the		

Cities of Batangas	4	7
And Lipa		
CAVITE with the		
Cities of Tagaytay, Cavite	3	8
and Trece Martires		
LAGUNA with	4	7
San Pablo City	1	1
MARINDUQUE	1	1
OCCIDENTAL MINDORO	2	2
ORIENTAL MINDORO		
PALAWAN with the City of	2	3
Puerto Princesa		
QUEZON with	4	6
Lucena City	2	5
RIZAL with	2	
Antipolo City	1	1
ROMBLON		
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	27	43

REGION V

ALBAY with		4
Legaspi City	3	
CAMARINES NORTE	1	1
CAMARINES SUR with the		6
Cities of Naga and Iriga	4	
CATANDUANES	1	1
MASBATE	3	3
SORSOGON	2	2
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	14	17

REGION VI

AKLAN	1	1
ANTIQUE	1	1
CAPIZ with		2
Roxas City	2	
ILOILO	5	6
GUIMARAS	1	1
ILOILO CITY	1	1
BACOLOD CITY	1	1
NEGROS OCCIDENTAL	6	8
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	18	21

REGION VII

BOHOL with		
Tagbilaran City	3	4
CEBU CITY	2	2
CEBU with the Cities of		
Danao, Lapu-Lapu		
and Toledo	6	9
MANDAUE CITY		1
NEGROS ORIENTAL with the		
Cities of Bais, Canlaon		
And Dumaguete	3	4
SIQUIJOR	1	1
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	15	21

REGION VIII

BILIRAN	1	1
EASTERN SAMAR	1	1
NORTHERN SAMAR	2	2
SAMAR with		
Calbayog City	2	2
SOUTHERN LEYTE	1	1
LEYTE with the Cities		
Of Tacloban and Ormoc	5	6
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	12	13

REGION IX

ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE		
With the Cities of		
Dapitan and Dipolog	3	3
ZAMBOANGA CITY	1	2
ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR		
With the City of		
Pagadian	2	3
Zamboanga Sibugay	1	2
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	7	10

REGION X

BUKIDNON	3	4
CAMIGUIN	1	1
CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY	1	1
MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL		

With the Cities of		
Oroquieta, Ozamis		
And Tanguib	2	2
MISAMIS ORIENTAL with		
Gingoog City	2	2
Lanao del Norte	2	2
Iligan City		1
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	11	13

REGION XI

DAVAO CITY	3	4
DAVAO ORIENTAL	2	2
DAVAO DEL SUR	2	3
DAVAO DEL NORTE	2	2
COMPOSTELA VALLEY	2	2
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	11	13

REGION XII

NORTH COTABATO	2	3
SARANGANI	1	1
SOUTH COTABATO	2	2
GENERAL SANTOS CITY		1
SULTAN KUDARAT	1	2
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	6	9

REGION XIII (CARAGA)

AGUSAN DEL NORTE with		
Butuan City	2	20
AGUSAN DEL SUR	1	2
SURIGAO DEL NORTE with		
Surigao City	2	2
SURIGAO DEL SUR	2	2
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	7	8

AUTONOMOUS REGION FOR MUSLIM MINDANAO

BASILAN	1	1
LANAO DEL SUR with Marawi City	2	2
MAGUINDANAO with Cotabato City	2	3
SULU	2	2
TAWI-TAWI	1	1
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	8	9

The total increase in the number of districts is from 209 to 274, or a net increase of 65.

Sec. 4. **Repealing Clause** – All general and special laws, acts, decrees, executive orders and administrative rules and regulations or part or parts thereof which are inconsistentwith any of the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. **Separability Clause.** – If, for any reasons, any part or provision of this Act shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, including the disqualification of some districts, other parts or provisions hereof including such district which are qualified shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 6. **Effectivity** – This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,