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Quezon City, Philippines

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HOUSE BILL NO. **2233**

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INTRODUCED BY HONORABLE DR. REY B. AQUINO

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

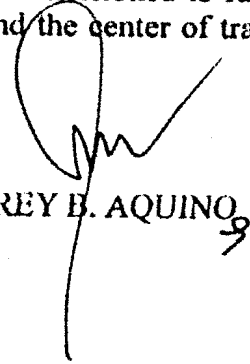
This bill seeks to constitute the City of San Fernando in the Province of Pampanga into a lone congressional district separate and distinct from the Third District of Pampanga.

Currently, the City of San Fernando is part of the Third District of Pampanga along with the municipalities of Arayat, Bacolor, Mexico and Sta. Ana. Based on the 2000 census of population conducted by the National Statistics Office (NSO), the City of San Fernando has a population of 221,857 with an average annual growth rate of 3.46%. Given this annual growth rate, the city would have a projected population of more or less 255,000 by the year 2004. Hence, by the time this bill takes effect, should it be passed into a law, the City of San Fernando would have a sizeable constituency far more than the population requirement of at least two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) as prescribed by the Constitution.

The proposed bill provides that the representative first elected to the position for the new district of the City of San Fernando may serve for three consecutive terms as allowed by the Constitution regardless of the term or terms he shall have served in the Third District in the same capacity. This is only proper and logical since a congressional term that is attached to a new district should be deemed as an original term and may not, therefore, be considered an extension of the term served in what would now be another congressional district.

This measure is advantageous not only to the City of San Fernando, but also to the remaining municipalities of the Third District of Pampanga. On one hand, various congressional-allocated projects through the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) can be implemented exclusively for the benefit and welfare of the constituents of the Lone District of the City of San Fernando. On the other, the PDAF projects for the Third District of Pampanga shall be dedicated to and divided amongst the four remaining municipalities, namely, Arayat, Bacolor, Mexico and Sta. Ana.

Approval of this bill is earnestly requested, as it is envisioned to further spur the development of the City of San Fernando as the heart and the center of trade in Central Luzon.

  
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AN ACT  
CONSTITUTING THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO IN THE PROVINCE  
OF PAMPANGA INTO A LONE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**SECTION 1.** The City of San Fernando in the Province of Pampanga is hereby constituted into a lone congressional district separate and distinct from the Third District of Pampanga. The Municipalities of Bacolor, Mexico, Sta. Ana and Arayat shall continue to form part of the Third District of the Province of Pampanga.

**SECTION 2.** The Lone District of the City of San Fernando shall consist of all the existing barangays within its political jurisdiction.

**SECTION 3.** The election of the first Representative/Congressman for the Lone District of the City of San Fernando shall coincide with the national elections to be held in 2007.

**SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

APPROVED,