

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
House of Representatives
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3636



Introduced by: **HON. AUGUSTO H. BACULIO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippine Constitution under Article VI, Section 5 paragraph 3 and 4 provides 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 (250,000), or each province, shall have at least one representative." And "Within three years following the return of every census, the Congress shall make a reapportionment of legislative districts based on the standards provided in this section."

At present, the Province of Misamis Oriental has a total population of 664,338 based on the latest official 2000 Census. Given this figure, it appears that there is statistical challenge in creating one more legislative district in the Province. However, statistical indicators show that the annual growth rate of the Province of Misamis Oriental is pegged at 2.67% based on the 1995 to 2000 census, which means, that the population will balloon to enormous proportion in 2004. In other words, the Province will definitely come up with the requirements of Article VI, Section 5 Paragraph 3 of the Constitution.

Furthermore, the present geographical positioning of the Second District of Misamis Oriental is not in accord with the constitutional requirement that the legislative district must be contiguous, compact and adjacent.

Four (4) municipalities comprising the Second District, namely: Villanueva, Claveria, Jasaan and Tagoloan are not adjacent nor contiguous and compact with the other remaining municipalities of Opol, El Salvador, Alubijid, Lagüindingan, Gitagum, Libertad, Initao, Naawan, Manticao and Lugait. Said four (4) towns are geographically situated in Northeastern Misamis Oriental while the remaining municipalities are located in Northwestern part of the Province. Said cluster of towns are divided in the middle by the City of Cagayan de Oro, a lone legislative district.

Therefore, on the basis of the Province's geographical position and population, it is strongly proposed that the Province be divided into three legislative districts under the following reapportionment:

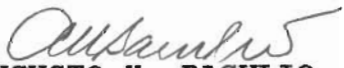
District 1: City of Gingoog, Municipalities of Magsaysay, Medina, Talisayan, Balingoan, Kinoguitan and Sugbongcogon.

District 2: Municipalities of Lagonglong, Binuangan, Salay, Balingasag, Villanueva, Claveira, Jasaan and Tagoloan.

District 3: Municipalities of Opol, El Salvador,, Alubijid, Laguindingan, Gitagum, Libertad, Initao, Naawan, Manticao and Lugait.

Finally, this bill seeks to address the clamor of the people of Misamis Oriental for the immediate reapportionment of their province into three districts. Moreover, the province is imbued with great potentials, which can only be unveiled or revealed if we allow its people to be democratically represented in this august body.

The passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

**REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL INTO THREE
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. The First Legislative District in the Province of Misamis Oriental shall comprise the following Municipalities, namely: City of Gingoog, Municipalities of Magsaysay, Medina, Talisayan, Balingoan, Kinoguitan, and Sugbongcogon.

SECTION 2. The Second Legislative District in the Province of Misamis Oriental shall comprise the following Municipalities, namely: Lagonglong, Binuangan, Salay, Balingasag, Villanueva, Claveria, Jasaan, and Tagoloan.

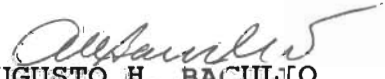
SECTION 3. The Third Legislative District of the Province of Misamis Oriental shall comprise the following Municipalities, namely: Opol, El Salvador, Alubijid, Laguindingan, Gitagum, Libertad, Initao, Naawan, Manticao and Lugait.

SECTION 4. The Representatives of the three legislative districts shall be elected in the next national election following the approval of this Act.

SECTION 5. All general and special laws, decrees, executive orders and administrative rules and regulations or part thereof which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,


HON. AUGUSTO H. BACULIO