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House Bill No: 4603



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the establishment of another congressional district in the Province of Aklan.

Since its separation from the Province of Capiz in 1956 by virtue of Republic Act No. 1414, the Province of Aklan has achieved remarkable growth from being a fourth class province to its present classification of second class. With seventeen (17) municipalities and three hundred twenty-seven (327) barangays, the Province of Aklan has a total land area of 1,817.89 square kilometers and has a population of 451,314, based on the FY 2000 report of the National Statistics Office. In recent years, the province's population has significantly increased, boosted mainly by the tourism industry in Boracay Island and migrants from other provinces of Western Visayas and the rest of the Philippines. With an aggressive agro-industrial economy and a tourism industry that continues to provide economic opportunities, Aklan is poised for increased growth given its strategic location and natural resources.

Considering its size, increasing population and growth potentials, there is now a felt need in the Province of Aklan for more representation in the national lawmaking body. Eastern Aklan alone has a constituency size and land area bigger than other districts in the Philippines while Western Aklan, which includes Boracay Island and ten (10) towns is almost as big as the First District of Batangas in terms of population and land area. The creation of a new legislative district will then address the need for more funding and greater, more equitable representation with the national government.

In view of the foregoing premises, approval is urgently sought.


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**AN ACT CREATING THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE
PROVINCE OF AKLAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT
NUMBERED FOURTEEN HUNDRED, AND FOURTEEN, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS AN ACT SEPARATING THE PROVINCE OF AKLAN FROM THE
PROVINCE OF CAPIZ**

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

Section 1. Section 5 of Republic Act No. 1414 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 5. The Province of Aklan shall have TWO [one] Representative DistrictS AS FOLLOWS: [Provided, however, That the incumbent Representatives for each respective District of the Province of Capiz shall continue to serve their terms of office until the next general elections for national officials.]

DISTRICT I – EASTERN DISTRICT – ALTAVAS, BALETE, BANGA, BATAN, KALIBO, NEW WASHINGTON, LIBACAO, MADALAG

DISTRICT II – WESTERN DISTRICT – BURUANGA, IBAJAY, LEZO, MAKATO, MALAY, MALINAO, NABAS
NUMANCIA, TANGALAN

Sec. 3. All laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines..

Approved,