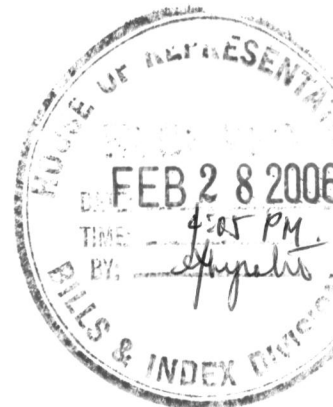


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House Bill No. 5317



Introduced by HON. FRANCIS 'BLUEBOY' L. NEPOMUCENO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The recent conversion of Clark Field into the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport and its declaration as an international port of entry completed the transformation of Angeles City into a highly urbanized center of population not only in the province of Pampanga but also in Central Luzon. This Bill seeks to give due recognition to this development by constituting Angeles City into a lone congressional district separate and distinct from the First District of Pampanga, which presently includes the municipalities of Mabalacat and Magalang. Separating Angeles, as a chartered city, from the two municipalities would only be proper since under Section 12, Article 10 of the Constitution, cities which are recognized by law as highly urbanized are to be considered independent of the province where they are located.

As reported in the Census of Population for the year 2000 alone, the First District of Pampanga comprised of Angeles City, Mabalacat and Magalang had a combined population of 512,546 distributed as follows:

1.	Angeles City	263,971
2.	Mabalacat	171,045
3.	Magalang	77,530

Allowing for an increase in the population of three percent per annum (which is actually less than the national average of 3.2 percent), the district would have a projected population of almost 750,000 this year. Hence, by the time this Bill takes effect as a law the First District of Pampanga would have a sizeable constituency far in excess of the population standard for a single congressional district.

Approval of this Bill is prayed as a means of spurring the development of Angeles City as host of the largest special economic zone in the country and as a catalyst in the overall development and growth of Central Luzon.

This measure is not only advantageous for Angeles City but also to the remaining municipalities as well. Various congressional-allocated projects can be implemented exclusively for the benefit and welfare of the constituents of the Lone District of Angeles City while the projects for the First District of Pampanga can only be divided for the people of Mabalacat and Magalang.

This Bill was approved in the House of Representatives and has also been approved for First and Second Reading in the Philippine Senate. But due to political and personal reasons of the city mayor of Angeles City (Carmelo Tarzan Lazatin, the lone oppositor) and unjustifiable motion to reconsider its approval by a single member of the upper house, the Bill was rejected.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT CONSTITUTING ANGELES CITY IN THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA INTO
A LONE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

*BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
PHILIPPINES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:*

SECTION 1. The City of Angeles in the Province of Pampanga is hereby constituted into a lone congressional district separate and distinct from the First District of Pampanga: Provided, That the municipalities of Mabalacat and Magalang shall continue to constitute the First District of the Province of Pampanga.

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

SECTION 3. The election of the first representative for the Lone District of Angeles City 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,