

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

Thirteenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5703



Introduced by Congressman **BENJAMIN C. AGARAO, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Congress is mandated by the Constitution to make a reapportionment of legislative districts within three years following the return of every national census. This is to assure that in case of an increase in population of a city or province the increased number of inhabitants are duly represented in Congress, at the ratio of a Representative for every 250 thousand inhabitants.

Presently, pursuant to the Ordinance appended to our 1987 Constitution, the apportionment, of legislative districts in the Province of Laguna, until otherwise provided, by law, is as follows:

“LAGUNA with San Pablo City, four (4) – First District: Municipalities of Biñan, San Pedro and Sta. Rosa; Second District: Municipalities of Bay, Cabuyao, Calamba and Los Baños; Third District: San Pablo City, and the Municipalities of Calauan, Alaminos, Rizal, Nagcarlan, Liliw and Victoria; Fourth District: Municipalities of Sta. Cluz, Pila, Lumban, Pagsanjan, Cavinti, Kalayaan, Paete, Pakil, Pangil, Siniloan, Famy, Mabitac, Sta. Maria, Magdalena, Luisiana, and Majayjay.

Since 1987, the population of the province of Laguna and the Cities of San Pablo, Calamba and Sta. Rosa had tremendously increased to 1,965,872 persons as of May 1, 2000 as per annual population growth rate of Laguna conducted by the National Statistics Office (NSO), necessitating a reapportionment of its legislative districts in order to give proper and adequate representation in the House of Representatives to all inhabitants of Laguna.

The reapportionment of legislative districts proposed in this Bill adheres to the standards prescribed in Section 5, paragraph (3), of Article VI of the Constitution, i.e., as far as practicable in contiguous, compact, and adjacent territory.

Hence, to meet the increasing socio-economic demands of its people by means of representation, the need to reapportion is imperative. The magnitude task and troubles that beset the people in the area further show the compelling reasons to reapportion it the soonest time.

Approval of this Bill is strongly recommended.


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AN ACT
CREATING A FIFTH DISTRICT IN THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, DIVIDING
THE PROVINCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF FIVE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS
PROVIDING FOR THE COMPOSITION THEREOF

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in joint session assembled:

SECTION 1. *Creation.* – There is hereby created another legislative district in the province of Laguna, with the cities of San Pablo, Calamba and Sta. Rosa. Henceforth, it shall be composed of five (5) legislative districts, as follows:

First District	--	Sta. Rosa City and the Municipalities of San Pedro and Biñan
Second District	--	Calamba City and the Municipalities of Cabuyao, Los Baños, and Bay
Third District	--	San Pablo City and the Municipalities of Calauan, Alaminos, Rizal, Nagcarlan, Liliw and Victoria
Fourth District	--	Municipalities of Sta. Cruz, Pila, Lumban, Pagsanjan, Cavinti, Magdalena, Luisiana and Majayjay
Fifth District	--	Municipalities of Kalayaan, Paete, Pakil, Pangil, Siniloan, Famy, Mabitac and Sta. Maria

SEC. 2. *Election of Representatives.* – The representatives of the five (5) legislative districts shall be elected in the national election following the approval of this Act.

SEC. 3. *Rules and Regulations.* – The Commission on Elections shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,