

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL No. 5943



Introduced by: **HON. MARCELINO C. LIBANAN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to address the clamor of the Eastern Samareños for the immediate reapportionment of their province into two (2) legislative districts.

Presently, the Lone District of Eastern Samar comprises the entire 23 municipalities of the Province of Eastern Samar.

The rapid increase of the economic, social and other needs of its population, the gargantuan area for which the present district covers, and the magnitude of the tasks and concerns that beset its people show the compelling need to reapportion it the soonest time. Further, the Province of Eastern Samar is possessed with great potentials and opportunities that can be maximized if its people are more democratically represented in Congress.

On the basis of its geographical perspective, it is strongly proposed that the province be divided into two legislative districts with the following reapportionment: First District - the Municipalities of Arteche, Can-avid, Dolores, Jipapad, Maslog, Oras, San Julian, San Policarpo, Sulat and Taft; and Second District - the Municipalities of Balangiga, Balangkayan, Borongan, Gen. MacArthur, Giporlos, Guiuan, Hernani, Lawa-an, Llorente, Maydolong, Mercedes, Quinapondan and Salcedo.

Given the foregoing consideration, the passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT
REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR
INTO TWO (2) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

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

SECTION 1. The Province of Eastern Samar is hereby reapportioned into two (2) legislative districts to commence in the next national elections following the effectivity of this Act. Henceforth, the municipalities of Arteche, Can-avid, Dolores, Jipapad, Maslog, Oras, San Julian, San Policarpo, Sulat and Taft shall comprise the First District while the municipalities of Balangiga, Balangkayan, Borongan, Gen. MacArthur, Giporlos, Guiuan, Hernani, Lawa-an, Llorente, Maydolong, Mercedes, Quinapondan and Salcedo shall comprise the Second District.

SECTION 2. All law, executive orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended and modified accordingly.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,