



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5954



Introduced by Honorable Rodante D. Marcoleta

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create a legislative district in the Municipality of Pateros to be known as the Lone District of Pateros.

The Municipality of Pateros could have automatically become a lone district when the Municipality of Taguig was converted into a highly urbanized city in December 2004. However, Section 61 of Republic Act (RA) No. 8487, otherwise known as the "*Charter of the City of Taguig*," included Pateros with other barangays in Taguig City to constitute as the legislative district of Pateros and Taguig, the other one being a new legislative district.

Records will show that in 1997, during the deliberation of the proposed House Bill (HB) No. 10074 for the creation of City of Taguig, objections were raised against the inclusion of Pateros in the two (2) proposed legislative districts for the City of Taguig. The final draft of HB 10074 indicated that Pateros will become a lone district, yet when finally passed into law as RA 8487, Pateros was made as part of the first legislative district of Taguig which includes the thirteen (13) barangays of the latter.

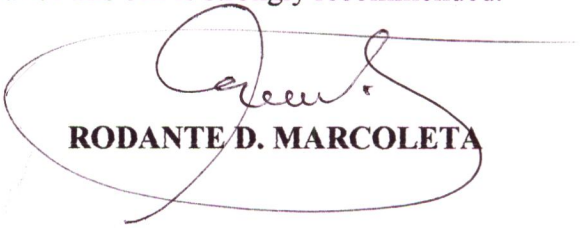
Pateros could have been much bigger in land area and could have commanded greater number of population if not for the reduction of its size from 1,040 hectares to 184 hectares due to the questioned cadastral mapping done in 1978 which, at present, is still being contested by the Municipality of Pateros in court. The original area of Pateros includes the whole Bases Conversion Development Authority area and the seven (7) barangays of Fort Bonifacio and for which missing lot area is approximately 800 hectares. Should Pateros win back the contested areas, the municipality could easily become a highly urbanized city.

Now is the right time to separate Pateros from Taguig. By becoming a lone district, the municipality will have an independent representation in Congress and thus will benefit fully in terms of increased congressional allocation. Pateros will then be able to implement and fulfill its plans and programs for economic growth and development such as the construction of hospitals and markets, widening and extension of roads, improvement of social services and other basic needs.

In this regard, multi-sectoral groups, government officials and employees, barangay officials, civic groups and the residents of Pateros have endorsed the creation of a new legislative district to be known as the Lone District of Pateros, separate and apart from the First Legislative District of Taguig.

The conversion of the Municipality of Pateros into a lone district will not only benefit its constituents especially the urban poor communities but will also balance the progress of local government units (LGUs) in Metro Manila.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is strongly recommended.


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AN ACT
CREATING A LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS THE
LONE DISTRICT OF PATEROS

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a legislative district to be known as the Lone District of Pateros.

SEC. 2. The first representative of the Lone District of Pateros created under this Act shall be elected in the next national elections after the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 3. Section 61 of Republic Act No. 8487 and all other laws, orders, rules or regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,