

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

16th Congress

House Bill No. **2734**



Introduced by: HON. OSCAR S. RODRIGUEZ

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Paragraph 3 Section 5 of Article VI of the 1987 Constitution provides:

“Each legislative district shall comprise as far as practicable, continuous, compact and adjacent territory. Each city with a population of at least two hundred fifty thousand, or each province, shall have at least one representative.”

Based on the above provision of the Constitution, this bill seeks to create a legislative district for the City of San Fernando thus separating it from the Third District of Pampanga. Accordingly, population census of the City of San Fernando as certified by the National Statistics Office (NSO), from the period 1995 to 2010, reveals an increasing population growth as shown below:

Year	Population
1995	193,025
2000	221,857
2007	269,365
2010	285,912

Evidently, even as early as 2007, the city is already qualified to have its own representative in Congress. Moreover, even after deducting the population of San Fernando City from the whole population of Third District of Pampanga, the population of the four remaining municipalities will still qualify them and retain their right to have a representative in Congress. Shown below is the 2010 population census of the four municipalities:

Municipalities	Population
Arayat	121,348
Sta. Ana	52,001
Bacolor	31,508
Mexico	146,851

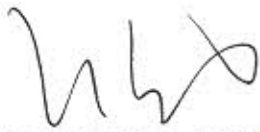
The City of San Fernando is a first class component city and it is the capital of Pampanga. It is also the regional center of Central Luzon. It is located sixty-seven (67) kilometers north of Metro Manila and fifty (50) kilometers east of Subic Bay. Founded in 1754, it attained cityhood upon ratification of Republic Act 8990 on 4 February 2001. It is well known not only in the country but also in some parts of the world as the Christmas Capital of the Philippines for its giant lanterns.

Despite the calamities suffered by the city, particularly Mt. Pinatubo eruption and the succeeding typhoons and floodings, it has again risen to a higher economic status. Business viability and its strategic location has made it attractive to many investors. For the past years, the income of the City has increased tremendously. As certified by the Department of Finance, the income of the City of San Fernando for the year 2012 is **One Billion Twenty Seven Million, Eight Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand, Two Hundred Fifty Pesos (P1, 027,837,250.00).**

Today the City of San Fernando is home to large shopping malls and supermarkets, such as, SM City Pampanga, Robinsons Mall, Walter Mart, Puregold and SNR Membership shopping. It also serves as one of the agricultural processing center of Central Luzon, a major rice-producing region. It is also an important sugar-producing area, wherein the Pampanga Sugar Development Company (PASUDECO), the major sugar processing plant in the region is located. There are also other manufacturing companies in the city such as Universal Robina Corporation, Zuellig Pharma Corporation, Nestlé Philippines, Petrophil, Mondragon Industries, Asia Brewery, and Del Monte Corporation. And major bottling companies such as the San Miguel Corporation Complex, Coca-Cola, Pepsi Cola, Cosmos and Metro Bottling are also located within the city.

The increasing population and the potential for economic growth and development of the City of San Fernando more than justifies the call for its own Representative in the Halls of Congress.

In view of the foregoing the passage of this bill is earnestly sought for.

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AN ACT
SEPARATING THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT
OF PAMPANGA, CREATING FOR THAT PURPOSE THE LONE DISTRICT OF
THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO

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

Section 1. Lone Legislative District – The City of San Fernando is hereby separated from the Third Legislative District of Pampanga to constitute the Lone Legislative District of City of San Fernando.

2. Incumbent Representative -The incumbent representative of the Third District of Pampanga shall continue to represent the said district until the new representative of the Lone District of the City of San Fernando shall have been elected and qualified.

3. Rules and Regulations – The Commission on Election shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

4. Repealing Clause – All laws, decrees, rules and regulations and other issuances or part thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 5. Effectivity Clause -This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved: