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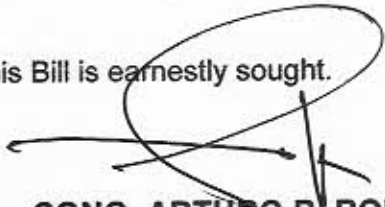
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution mandates the apportionment of one representative for a city of at least two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) population. The City of San Jose Del Monte, Province of Bulacan, on the basis of this mandate, was constituted as a Lone Congressional District, to be represented by one representative, as a result of the amendment of its Charter (Republic Act No. 8797) by Republic Act No. 9230.

The establishment of a Lone Congressional District in the City of San Jose Del Monte came in December 18, 2003, at a time when its population is well within the constitutional threshold of 250,000. But, spanning a period of over ten years, its population, undoubtedly multiplied to over 500,000. Its population grew steadily over the years in the face of continuous influx of migrants from Metropolitan Manila. The establishment of a number of resettlement areas in the City by the National Housing Authority, in carrying out the government's National Shelter Program, was also contributory to the hastening of its population growth.

The more than doubling of the population of the City of San Jose Del Monte justifies the creation therein of a Second Congressional District. This is made imperative by what the Constitution requires of the Congress of the Philippines over the "reappointment of legislative districts" within three years following the return of every census (Section 5-4, Article VI). Such a creation will ensure a fuller representation of the people in the national law-making process. Also, this can be regarded as one of the reasonable ways to attain a budget ideal for the satisfaction of service needs of the people.

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


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AN ACT CREATING TWO LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, BULACAN, FURTHER AMENDING SECTION 58 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8797, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, BULACAN INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE" AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Section 58 of Republic Act No. 8797 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 58. Representative Districts - The City of San Jose del Monte shall have a two representative districts, which districts are to be comprised by the following barangays:

Legislative District I – Poblacion, Poblacion I, Ciudad Real, Dulong Bayan, Francisco Homes Guijo, Francisco Homes Mulawin, Francisco Homes Narra, Francisco Homes Yakal, Gaya-Gaya, Grace Ville, Gumaoc Central, Gumaoc East, Gumaoc West, Kaybanban, Kaypian, Maharlika, Muzon, Paradise 3, San Isidro, San Manuel, San Roque, Sto. Cristo, and Tungkong Mangga.

Legislative District II – Assumption, Bagong Buhay I, Bagong Buhay II, Bagong Buhay III, Citrus, Fatima I, Fatima II, Fatima III, Fatima IV, Fatima V, Minuyan Proper, Minuyan I, Minuyan II, Minuyan III, Minuyan IV, Minuyan V, San Martin I, San Martin II, San Martin III, San Martin IV, San Pedro, San Rafael I, San Rafael II, San Rafael III, San Rafael IV, San Rafael V, Sta. Cruz I, Sta. Cruz II, Sta. Cruz III, Sta. Cruz IV, Sta Cruz V, Martin De Pores, Sto. Niño I, Sto. Niño II, Lawang Pare and Sapang Palay Proper.

SECTION 2. The election of the Representatives for the two legislative districts shall commence in the next national and local elections after the effectivity of this Act.

SECTION 3. Incumbent Representative. – The incumbent Representative of the Lone Legislative District of the City of San Jose Del Monte shall continue to represent the said lone district until end of his/her present term.

SECTION 4. Appropriations. - The budget for the two representative districts of the City of San Jose Del Monte shall be incorporated in the annual General Appropriations Act for the year of the election of its two representatives and for the subsequent years thereafter.

SECTION 5. Rules and Regulations. – The Commission on Elections shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SECTION 6. Repealing Clause – All laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified.

SECTION 7. Effectivity Clause – This Act shall take effect fifteen days (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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