



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4640



Introduced by REP. NICANOR M. BRIONES
AGAP Party List

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate the Lipa City from the Fourth Legislative District of the Province of Batangas to constitute the Lone Legislative District of the City of Lipa.

Section 5, paragraph 3, Article VI (*Legislative Department*) of the 1987 Constitution states:

"SEC. 5. (3) Each legislative district shall comprise, as far as practicable, contiguous, 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. xxx."

Lipa City is a first class component city which is located 78 kilometers south of Manila. Also known as the "Next Wave City," "Little Rome of the Philippines" and "City of All Seasons," the city is divided into seventy two barangays, twelve of which are situated within the city proper and are considered urban barangays, while sixty barangays are outside the city proper and are divided into North, East, South and West Districts. Lipa City is being transformed from basically agricultural to a highly urbanized city. In the Regional Physical Framework Plan of Region IV-A, Lipa City is ideally considered the center of the CALABARZON Agro-Industrial Region.

On June 20, 1947, Lipa was declared as a chartered city pursuant to Republic Act No. 162. Since its inauguration on August 31, 1947, it has become the fulcrum of trading, commercial and industrial activities in the heart of Batangas province. According to the 2010 census, the city has a population of 283,468 with a 2.85% population growth rate per annum. For 2013, the estimated population was 301,472. Based on the Local Government Annual Report, Lipa City had a total income of P850,648,655.23 for the year 2012.

The biggest portion of the income comes from the Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) with a total of P435.7 million. This amount was lower by 12% than that of the share in 2013 which was P497.8 million. Income from local sources contributed 48.48% to the total income. This amounted to P412.4 million which is 17% higher than the collection of P351.2 million in 2013.

Among the cities that obtained the highest scores for availability of graduates and workers, infrastructure, and business environment, Lipa City was ranked 10th in 2009 and 6th in 2010. As an investment center, it provides sites for light industries through the LIMA Industrial Estate. A flourishing business process outsourcing industry has also budded in the city for the past five years. The city has been identified as one of the ten cyber growth corridors of the Philippines or the next wave cities for information technology (IT).

The city's agriculture, agro-industrial and service sectors are seen to set the city into global competitiveness given the most conducive business climate and opportunities.

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



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AN ACT
SEPARATING THE CITY OF LIPA FROM THE FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
OF THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS TO CONSTITUTE THE LONE LEGISLATIVE
DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF LIPA

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

SECTION 1. ***Lone Legislative District.*** – The City of Lipa is hereby separated from the Fourth Legislative District of the Province of Batangas to constitute the Lone Legislative District of the City of Lipa, which shall commence in the next national election after the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 2. ***Incumbent Representative.*** – The incumbent representative of the Fourth Legislative District of the Province of Batangas shall continue to represent the said district until the new representative of the Lone Legislative District of the City of Lipa shall have been elected and qualified.

SEC. 3. ***Rules and Regulations.*** – Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Commission on Elections shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. ***Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. ***Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,