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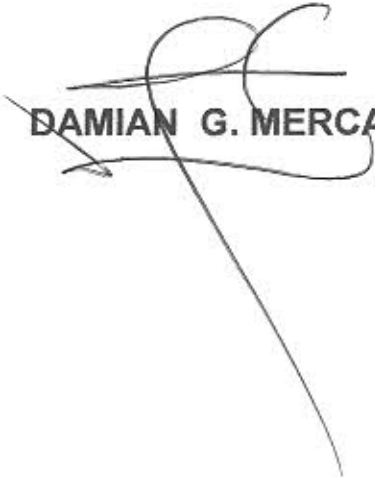
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

For many years the province of Southern Leyte has a lone Congressional district. Since its creation as a province in 1960 its population has more than doubled. The steady rise in its population has put an enormous strain on the lone congressional office's capability to serve its constituents considering that a congressional district is designed to serve a population of only 250,000.

It is for this reason that the need for additional representation has to be addressed. By subdividing the whole Province of Southern Leyte into two (2) congressional district, an additional district office will be created. If approved, the whole province will be represented by two congressmen who will manage two congressional district offices. Once operational, the two congressional districts can surely improve the services that it can offer to its constituents. The quality of legislation will improve also.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is hereby being earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
SUBDIVIDING THE LONE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN
LEYTE INTO TWO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

1 **SECTION 1.** *Declaration of Policy.* The State shall ensure that the growing
2 population of the Philippines will be adequately represented at the halls of
3 congress to protect peoples interest and the public in general.

4 **SECTION 2.** *The Two (2) Congressional Districts of Southern Leyte –*
5 The Province of Southern Leyte shall now be composed of two (2) Congressional
6 Districts, to wit:

7 a) *First Congressional District.* The First Congressional District shall be
8 composed of the City of Maasin, Macrohon, Padre Burgos, Limasawa, Malitbog,
9 Tomas Oppus and Bontoc municipalities.

1 b) *Second Congressional District.* The Second Congressional District shall
2 be composed of the municipalities of Sogod, Libagon, Liloan, San Francisco,
3 Pintuyan, San Ricardo, Saint Bernard, Anahawan, San Juan, Hinundayan,
4 Hinunangan and Silago.

5 **SECTION 3.** *Separability Clause.* – If any of the sections or provisions of
6 this Act is held invalid, all other provisions not affected thereby shall remain
7 valid.

8 **SECTION 4.** *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15)
9 days from the date of its publication in at least two (2) papers of general
10 circulation in the Philippines.

11 Approved.