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House Bill No. 5186

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BAI SANDRA SINSUAT A. SEMA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

At present, the Province of Maguindanao including Cotabato City has two legislative districts, namely:

First Legislative District: consisting of the municipalities of Barira, Buldon, Datu Blah Sinsuat, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Kabuntalan, Matanog, Northern Kabuntalan, Parang, Sultan Kudarat, Sultan Mastura, and Upi, and Cotabato City.

Second Legislative District: consisting of the municipalities of Ampatuan, Buluan, Datu Abdullah Sangki, Datu Anggal Midtimbang, Datu Hofer, Datu Montawal, Datu Paglas, Datu Piang, Datu Salibo, Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Datu Unsay, Gen. S.K. Pendatun, Guindulungan, Mamasapano, Mangudadatu, Pagalungan, Paglat, Pandag, Rajah Buayan, Shariff Aguak, Shariff Saidona Mustapha, South Upi, Sultan sa Barongis, Sultan Sumagka, and Talayan.

After many years, the population of the Province of Maguindanao including Cotabato City has increased so much so that there is a need to redistrict the area into three (3) legislative districts, as follows:

First Legislative District: consisting of the municipalities of Datu Blah Sinsuat, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Kabuntalan, Northern Kabuntalan, and Upi. and Cotabato City

Second Legislative District: consisting of the municipalities of Ampatuan, Buluan, Datu Abdullah Sangki, Datu Anggal Midtimbang, Datu Hofer, Datu Montawal, Datu Paglas, Datu Piang, Datu Salibo, Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Datu Unsay, Gen. S.K. Pendatun, Guindulungan, Mamasapano, Mangudadatu, Pagalungan, Paglat, Pandag, Rajah Buayan, Shariff Aguak, Shariff Saidona Mustapha, South Upi, Sultan sa Barongis, Sultan Sumagka, and Talayan.

Third Legislative District: consisting of the municipalities of Barira, Buldon, Matanog, Parang, Sultan Kudarat, and Sultan Mastura.

The redistricting of the area will afford the constituents of the place with the number of Representatives needed to represent them in the House of Representatives.



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AN ACT REDISTRICTING THE PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO AND COTABATO CITY INTO THREE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

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

SECTION 1. *Redistricting.* – The Province of Maguindanao and Cotabato City is hereby redistricted into three (3) legislative districts as follows:

First Legislative District: consisting of the municipalities of Datu Blah Sinsuat, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Kabuntalan, Northern Kabuntalan, and Upi. and Cotabato City

Second Legislative District: consisting of the municipalities of Ampatuan, Buluan, Datu Abdullah Sangki, Datu Anggal Midtimbang, Datu Hofer, Datu Montawal, Datu Paglas, Datu Piang, Datu Salibo, Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Datu Unsay, Gen. S.K. Pendatun, Guindulungan, Mamasapano, Mangudadatu, Pagalungan, Paglat, Pandag,

Rajah Buayan, Shariff Aguak, Shariff Saidona Mustapha, South Upi, Sultan sa Barongis, Sultan Sumagka and Talayan,

Third Legislative District: consisting of the municipalities of Barira, Buldon, Matanog, Parang, Sultan Kudarat, and Sultan Mastura.

SEC. 2. *Incumbent Representatives.* – The incumbent Representatives of the First Legislative District of Maguindanao and Cotabato City and the Second Legislative District of Maguindanao shall continue to represent the said districts until the new Representatives of the redistricted Province of Maguindanao and Cotabato City shall have been elected and qualified in the next regular congressional elections.

SEC. 3. *Rules and Regulations.* – The Commission on Elections shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions 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 upon its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general and local circulation.

Approved,