



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



Seventeenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 7999

Introduced by Representative Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Paragraphs (1), (3) and (4) of Section 5, Article VI of the 1987 Constitution provides:

"Sec. 5. (1) The House of Representatives shall be composed of not more than two hundred fifty members, unless otherwise fixed by law, who shall be elected from legislative districts apportioned among the provinces, cities, and the Metropolitan Manila area in accordance with the number of their respective inhabitants, and on the basis of a uniform and progressive ratio, and those who, as provided by law, shall be elected through a party-list system of registered national, regional and sectoral parties or organizations.

(2) xxx.

(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.

(4) Within three years following the return of every census, the Congress shall make a reapportionment of legislative districts based on the standards provided in this section."

According to the 2015 Census of Population conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority, the Province of Bohol has a total population of 1,313,560 as

of August 1, 2015. However, the Province of Bohol, at present, has only three (3) legislative districts. Clearly, it is underrepresented in the House of Representatives.

Pursuant to the aforementioned constitutional provision and consistent with the principle of proportional representation espoused by the Constitution, this measure seeks to reapportion the Province of Bohol, thereby increasing its existing legislative districts from three (3) to five (5).

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

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1 **AN ACT**
2 **REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL INTO FIVE (5)**
3 **LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS**

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5 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
6 *Congress assembled:*
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8 SECTION. 1. The Province of Bohol is hereby reapportioned into five (5)
9 legislative districts to commence in the next national and local elections after the
10 effectivity of this Act, each legislative district to be composed of the following:

11 (a) First Legislative District. – The First Legislative District of the Province
12 of Bohol shall be composed of the following municipalities and city:

13 (1) Albuquerque

14 (2) Baclayon

15 (3) Corella

16 (4) Cortes

17 (5) Dausi

- 1 (6) Panglao
- 2 (7) Sikatuna
- 3 (8) Tagbilaran City

4 (b) Second Legislative District. – The Second Legislative District of the
5 Province of Bohol shall be composed of the following municipalities:

- 6 (1) Antiquera
- 7 (2) Balilihan
- 8 (3) Calape
- 9 (4) Catigbian
- 10 (5) Clarin
- 11 (6) Loon
- 12 (7) Maribojoc
- 13 (8) Sagbayan
- 14 (9) San Isidro
- 15 (10) Tubigon

16 (c) Third Legislative District. – The Third Legislative District of the
17 Province of Bohol shall be composed of the following municipalities:

- 18 (1) Anda
- 19 (2) Buenavista
- 20 (3) Candijay
- 21 (4) Dagohoy
- 22 (5) Danao

- 1 (6) Guindulman
- 2 (7) Inabanga
- 3 (8) Pilar
- 4 (9) Sierra Bullones

5 (d) Fourth Legislative District. – The Fourth Legislative District of the
6 Province of Bohol shall be composed of the following municipalities:

- 7 (1) Alicia
- 8 (2) Bien Unido
- 9 (3) Getafe
- 10 (4) Mabini
- 11 (5) Pres. Carlos P. Garcia
- 12 (6) San Miguel
- 13 (7) Talibon
- 14 (8) Trinidad
- 15 (9) Ubay

16 (e) Fifth Legislative District. – The Fifth Legislative District of the
17 Province of Bohol shall be composed of the following municipalities:

- 18 (1) Batuan
- 19 (2) Bilar
- 20 (3) Carmen
- 21 (4) Dimiao
- 22 (5) Duero

1 (6) Garcia Hernandez

2 (7) Jagna

3 (8) Lila

4 (9) Loay

5 (10) Loboc

6 (11) Sevilla

7 (12) Valencia

8 SEC. 2. ***Incumbent Representatives.*** – The incumbent Representatives of
9 the First, Second, and Third Legislative Districts of the Province of Bohol shall
10 continue to represent their respective legislative districts until the new
11 Representatives shall have been elected and qualified.

12 SEC. 3. ***Rules and Regulations.*** – The Commission on Elections shall
13 issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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

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

19 *Approved,*