

Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Metro Manila

Seventeenth Congress
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House Bill No. 8433



Introduced by Representative Arlene B. Arcillas

Explanatory Note

Section 5, Article VI of the 1987 Constitution states that:

1. The House of Representatives shall be composed of not more than two hundred and 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.
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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 reappointment of legislative districts based on the standards provided in this section.

As of the 2015 census of population of the Philippine Statistics Authority, the City of Santa Rosa has a total population of 353,767. Among the 18 barangays comprising the City of Santa Rosa, the most populous barangay is Brgy. Pooc with a population of 35,091 and a projected 2040 population of 42,656. The population boom in the barangay is explained by the establishment of Southville Subdivision (Phase 1-9) - a mass housing project of the National Government for informal settlers in Metro Manila.

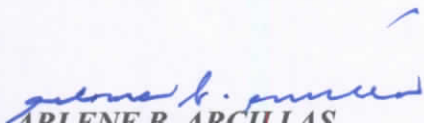
The next most populated barangays are: Brgy. Dila, Brgy. Malitlit, Brgy. Dita, and Tagapo.

The least populated is Brgy. Sto.Domingo, with a 1.12 percent of the total population of Santa Rosa. First class subdivisions and a well-organized community are located in this barangay. Other less populated barangays are Brgy. Kanluran, Brgy. Ibaba, and Brgy. Malusak.

The City of Santa Rosa is regarded as the Automotive Capital of the Philippines because of the active presence and operation of Toyota Motor Philippines, Nissan Motor Philippines, Honda Cars Philippines, Star Motors, Columbian Motors, Ford Motors, among others. The Enchanted Kingdom – the only world class theme park in the country is in Santa Rosa as well as the premiere golf course, the Santa Elena Golf Club.

Recently, the opening of another Ayala's signature project, the NUVALI, gives Santa Rosa another pride to the country. Nuvali Evolving is the largest self-sustainable Eco-friendly community and also houses two multi-national ICT-BPO Companies – Convergys and IBM.

Thus, it is the aim of this bill to pave the way for the realization of the constitutional mandate to guarantee equal representation.


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**AN ACT SEPARATING THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA FROM THE FIRST
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA TO CONSTITUTE THE
LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA**

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

Section 1. Lone Legislative District. – The City of Santa Rosa is hereby separated from the First Legislative District of the Province of Laguna to constitute the Lone Legislative District of the City of Santa Rosa, which shall commence in the next national election after the effectivity of this Act.

Section 2. Incumbent Representative. – The incumbent Representative of the present First Legislative District of the Province of Laguna shall continue to represent the said district until the new Representative of the Lone District of the City of Santa Rosa would have been elected and qualified.

Section 3. Rules and Regulations. – The Commission on Elections shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act within thirty (30) days after its effectivity.

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

Section 5. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,