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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. - 7195



Introduced by Representative DAN S. FERNANDEZ

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Republic Act No. 9264, otherwise known as the "Charter of the City of Santa Rosa" in the Province of Laguna, was approved on March 10, 2004. This, in turn, was ratified by the residents on July 10, 2004.

Santa Rosa is considered as the premier city and hub of South Luzon. Also known as the Lion City of South Luzon, it is one of the richest cities in Luzon outside of Metro Manila based on annual income. As a consequence thereof, this first (income) class component city of the province of Laguna has been experiencing fast growth in terms of population.

Thus, in view of these twin factors of exponential growth in the economy and the rapid increase of population, it is now deemed timely and appropriate to correspondingly increase the people's representation in the membership of the city's Sangguniang Panlungsod. An increase from ten (10) to twelve (12) of the membership of the city council would do justice to the multi-dimensional expansion of the community.

On the basis of the foregoing premises, the early approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE
SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF SANTA
ROSA IN THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA FROM TEN (10) TO
TWELVE (12), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 10
OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9264, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
“CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA”

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

SECTION 1. *Increase in the Number of Members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Santa Rosa in the Province of Laguna.* - Section 10 of Republic Act No. 9264, otherwise known as the “Charter of the City of Santa Rosa”, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 10. The Sangguniang Panlungsod. – (a) The sangguniang panlungsod, the legislative body of the City, shall be composed of the city vice mayor as presiding officer, [ten (10)] TWELVE (12) regular sanggunian members, the president of the city chapter of the liga ng mga

barangay, the president of the panlungsod na pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan and the sectoral representatives, as members.”

SEC. 2. *Incumbent and Additional Members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Santa Rosa.* – The incumbent members of the Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Santa Rosa, Province of Laguna shall continue to serve until the expiration of their term of office. The additional members as provided under Section 1 of this Act, shall be elected, together with the incumbent regular members, in the next national and local elections after the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 3. *Implementing 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.

SEC. 4. *Appropriations.* – The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,