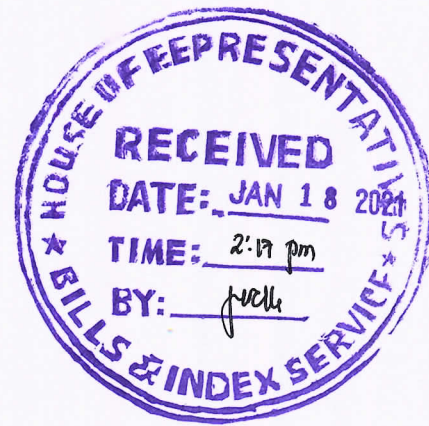


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

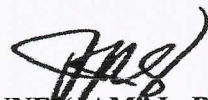
This bill seeks to reapportion the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Iloilo City.

Local legislation, as a power, is the authority of the Sanggunian to enact ordinances, approve resolutions, appropriate funds designed to deliver basic services and facilities, and promote the general welfare of the public. As per the 1991 Local Government Code, the power of local legislation is vested in the Sanggunian of each local government unit. This is a recognition of the need for local legislators who are more knowledgeable than Congress on matters of purely local concern, and in a better position to enact appropriate legislation.

However, to ensure that legislations accurately reflect the views of the public, it is important to observe proportional representation. In the case of Iloilo City, the population, as of 2015, is already 447,992 as per the Philippine Statistics Authority. Acting on this information, this representation already filed House Bill No. 3074 also known as “An Act Reapportioning the Lone Legislative District of Iloilo City,” which mandates another congressional district representative for Iloilo City in the national legislature.

The growing population of Iloilo City demands more members in the Sangguniang Panlungsod. Thus, I am filing this measure to ensure proportional representation in the local level of Iloilo City. This representation strongly believes that the adoption of this measure will mean greater consensus in policy making of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.

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


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“AN ACT
REAPPORTIONING THE SANGGUNIAN PANLUNGSOD OF ILOILO CITY”
Be it enacted by the senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. ***The Sangguniang Panlungsod*** – The Sangguniang Panlungsod, the legislative body of the City, shall be composed of the city vice mayor as the presiding officer, the Sangguniang Panlungsod members from each district, comprising of eight (8) members per district, who shall be elected in the district where they reside, the president of the city chapter of the *liga ng mga barangay*, the president of the *panlungsod na pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan* and other sectoral representatives, as members.

Section 2. ***Incumbent Representative and Sangguniang Panlungsod Members*** – The incumbent representative and the sangguniang panlungsod members of the City of Iloilo shall continue to hold office until the new representatives and the sangguniang panlungsod members of the City shall 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.

Section 4. ***Separability Clause*** - If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

Section 5. ***Repealing Clause*** - The provisions of Commonwealth Act No. 57, as amended by Commonwealth Act Nos. 158 and 604, Republic Act Nos. 276 and 1209 and all other laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 6. ***Effectivity*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,