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Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE FERDINAND L. HERNANDEZ

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution grants the Congress the power to reapportion legislative districts, as provided for in Article VI, Section 5, paragraphs 3 and 4, to wit:

(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.

This bill proposes for the reapportionment of the Second District of South Cotabato into two (2) legislative districts. Based on the 2015 Census conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority, the Second District of South Cotabato comprised of one (1) component city and seven (7) municipalities is with a total population of six hundred fifty three thousand one hundred ninety nine (653,199).

This bill seeks to ensure equitable representation for the constituents of the current Second District of South Cotabato in the legislature and the national government, to meet their increasing socio-economic demands, as well as improve the delivery of government services and implementation of programs and projects.

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


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**AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE SECOND DISTRICT OF SOUTH COTABATO
INTO TWO LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS**

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

Section 1. *Reapportionment.* – The Second District of South Cotabato is here reapportioned into two legislative districts as follows:

- a. **Second Legislative District** – The Second Legislative District shall be composed of the component city of Koronadal, and municipalities of Banga and Tantaran; and
- b. **Third Legislative District** – The Third Legislative District shall be composed of the municipalities of Norala, Santo Nino, Surallah, Lake Sebu and T'boli.

Section 2. *Incumbent Representative.* – The incumbent Representative of the Second Legislative District of South Cotabato shall continue to represent the legislative district until the new representative of the Second and Third Legislative Districts shall have been elected and qualified in the next congressional elections.

Section 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Commission on Elections shall issue the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act, within thirty (30) days from its approval.

Section 4. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, decrees, orders, resolutions, instructions, rules and regulations, and other issuance or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 5. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.