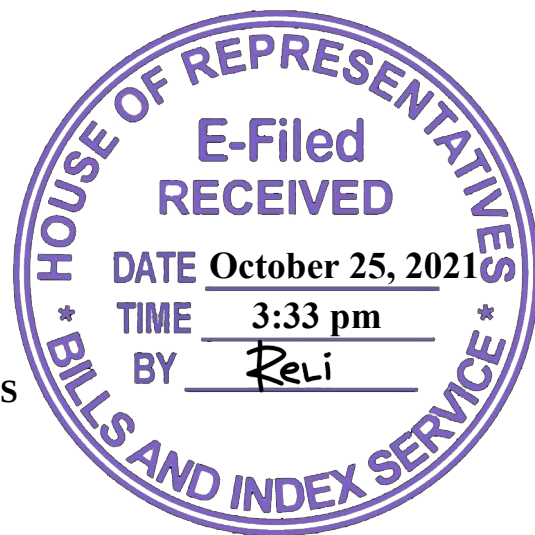




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HOUSE BILL NO. 10407

Introduced by **HON. MUJIV S. HATAMAN** of the Lone District of Basilan

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article VI, Section 5, Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that:

“(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.”

The province of Basilan is an island province situated within the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao. It is the fourth largest in terms of land area in the region, and is currently politically subdivided into two (2) component cities and eleven municipalities.

As of May 1, 2020, the total population of Basilan is 556,586 including Isabela City. The same Census indicates that the population of Basilan grew the fastest in the last five (5) years. In terms of annual growth rate, Sulu recorded the highest rate at 4.14%, followed by Basilan (including Isabela City) at 4.12%. Excluding Isabela City, Basilan registered a record high of 4.45% growth rate.

In keeping with the above-mentioned cases and in consonance with the Constitutionally-enshrined mandate of democratic and proportional representation, the bill therefore proposes to reapportion the province of Basilan into two (2) legislative districts. The bill is envisioned to empower Basileños by ensuring their equal participation and representation in national legislation through their duly-designated representatives.

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



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**AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE LONE DISTRICT OF PROVINCE OF BASILAN
THEREBY CREATING THE FIRST (1ST) AND SECOND (2ND) LEGISLATIVE
DISTRICTS OF BASILAN**

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

SECTION 1. Reapportioning of the Lone Legislative District – The Lone Legislative District of the Province of Basilan is hereby reapportioned in order to create the Two (2) Legislative Districts of the Province of Basilan to commence in the next national and local elections after the effectivity of this Act. The legislative districts of the Province of Basilan shall now be composed of the following:

a. First Legislative District – The First Legislative District shall be composed of the following:

1. ISABELA CITY;

2. LANTAWAN MUNICIPALITY;
3. MALUSO MUNICIPALITY;
4. HADJI MUHTAMAD MUNICIPALITY;
5. TABUAN-LASA MUNICIPALITY;

b. Second Legislative District – The Second Legislative District shall be composed of the following:

1. LAMITAN CITY;
2. AKBAR MUNICIPALITY;
3. HADJI MOHAMMAD AJUL MUNICIPALITY;
4. TIPO-TIPO MUNICIPALITY;
5. TUBURAN MUNICIPALITY;
6. UNGKAYA PUKAN MUNICIPALITY;
7. SUMISIP MUNICIPALITY; and
8. AL-BARKA MUNICIPALITY.

SEC. 2. Holdover. - The incumbent Representative of the present Lone Legislative District of the Province of Basilan shall continue to represent and serve the said district until the new Representatives for the two (2) districts shall have been elected and qualified.

SEC. 3. Rules and Regulations. - The Commission on Election shall issue the Implementing Rules and Regulations to carry out the Implementation of this Act within 30 days after its effectivity.

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

SEC. 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,