



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. 10641



INTRODUCED BY **REPRESENTATIVE CESAR “JAWO” L. JIMENEZ, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to reapportion Zamboanga City into three (3) legislative districts.

Article VI, Section 5, par. 3 of the 1987 Constitution provides, “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.”

In paragraph 4, the same provision states, “Within three years following the return of every census, the Congress shall make reapportionment of legislative districts based on the standards provided in this section.”

These constitutional provisions reflect the principle of equality of representation, which is an essential feature of republican institution. This ensures that the people are duly represented in Congress in accordance with the number of the district’s respective inhabitants and on the basis of a uniform and progressive ratio” with each district being, as far as practicable, contiguous, compact and adjacent territory.

Presently, Zamboanga City has two legislative districts. The 1st is composed of 37 barangays with a population of about 448,392. On the other hand, there are 61 barangays with a population of 528,832 in the 2nd district.

Under this measure, the 1st District shall maintain 24 barangays under its present composition with a population of 311,048; the 2nd District shall retain its 23 barangays and include 11 barangays from the previous 1st District with a combined population of 395,919; and the 3rd District shall comprise of 38 barangays from the original 2nd District and 2 barangays from the previous 1st District with a combined population of 270,257.

In satisfaction of the constitutional requirement, the proposed districts comprise adjacent, compact and contiguous territory. Furthermore, an additional congressional representation in the country's 5th most populous city gives life to the constitutional mandate of ensuring due representation, considering that a substantial number of people, in this case 977, 234 as of 2020 census, will be benefited by the expected better and more efficient delivery of public services.



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AN ACT
REAPPORTIONING ZAMBOANGA CITY INTO THREE (3) LEGISLATIVE
DISTRICTS

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

SECTION 1. Legislative Districts. - Zamboanga City, which shall have three (3) legislative districts to commence in the national and local elections after the effectivity of this Act, is hereby reapportioned as follows:

FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Ayala
Baliwasan
Baluno
Cabatangan
Calarian
Campo Islam
Capisan
Cawit
Dulian (Upper Pasonanca)
Labuan
La Paz
Limpapa
Maasin
Malagutay

Pamucutan
Patalon
Recodo
San Jose Cawa2x
San Jose Gusu
San Roque
Sinubung
Sinunuc
Talisayan
Tulungatung

SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Arena Blanco
Boalan
Busay (Sacol Island)
Canelar
Camino Nuevo
Divisoria
Guiwan
Kasanyangan
Landang Gua (Sacol Island)
Landang Laum (Sacol Island)
Mampang
Manalipa
Mariki
Mercedes
Pangapuyan
Pasilmanta (Sacol Island)
Putik
Rio Hondo
Sta. Barbara
Sta. Catalina
Sta. Maria
Sto. Niño
Talabaan
Talon-Talon
Taluksangay
Tetuan
Tigtabon
Tugbungan
Tumalutab
Zambowood
Zone 1

Zone 2

Zone 3

Zone 4

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Bolong

Buenavista

Bunguiao

Cabaluay

Cacao

Calabasa

Culianan

Curuan

Dita

Dulian (Upper Bunguiao)

Guisao

Lamisahan

Lanzones

Lapakan

Latuan

Licombo

Limaong

Lubigan

Lumayang

Lumbangan

Lunzuran

Mangusu

Manicahan

Muti

Panubigan

Pasobolong

Pasonanca

Quiniput

Salaan

Sangali

Sibulao

Tagasilay

Taguiti

Tictapul

Tigbalabag

Tolosa

Tumaga

Tumitus
Victoria
Vitali

SECTION 2. *Incumbent Representatives.* - The incumbent Representatives of Zamboanga City shall continue to represent their respective districts until the new Representatives shall have been elected and qualified.

SECTION 3. *Rules and Regulations.* – All laws, rules and regulations, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,



CESAR “JAWO” L. JIMENEZ, JR.