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House Bill No. 1070



Introduced by Honorable **RHEA MAE A. GULLAS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The primordial duties of the Congressman of the District are to enact good laws and to provide essential services to his constituents. In the case of the First Legislative District, its enormous population calls for the creation of a new legislative district to evenize legislative representation and equalize the allocations of public resource.

The Province of Cebu (excluding its capital city, Cebu City and the cities of Lapulapu and Mandaue) presently has seven (7) legislative districts distributed among seven (7) Cities and forty-four (44) Municipalities, as follows:

- 1st District - three (3) Cities & three (3) Municipalities
- 2nd District - seven (7) Municipalities
- 3rd District - one (1) City & six (6) Municipalities
- 4th District - one (1) City & eight (8) Municipalities
- 5th District - one (1) City & ten (10) Municipalities
- 6th District - two (2) Municipalities
- 7th District - eight (8) Municipalities

The seven (7) Legislative Districts in the Province of Cebu have a total population of 3,325,385 as of May 1, 2020 excluding the Cities of Cebu, Lapu-Lapu and Mandaue with populations of 964,169, 497,604 and 364,116 respectively.

The most populace and the greatest number of registered voters is the First (1st) Legislative District. The comparable figures are:

	Population (As of May 1, 2020)
1 st District	809, 335
2 nd District	257, 658
3 rd District	616, 326
4 th District	540, 814
5 th District	643, 946
6 th District	218, 607
7 th District	238, 699

The First (1st) Legislative District of three (3) Cites and three (3) Municipalities is thus underrepresented in the Congress of the Philippines, and its citizens deprived of equal representation in the Law-making body, and more importantly, in the allocation of resources, benefits and services.

The First Legislative District is the gateway to Southern Cebu and to the neighboring Provinces of Negros Oriental and Siquijor in Central Visayas; thus the urgent need for more efficient infrastructures in roads, highways, and bridges. The creation of a new Legislative District, the Eighth (8th) Legislative District from the First (1st) Legislative District will sustain the momentum of growth in South Cebu, benefitting the people of all Cebu and of Central Visayas.

The division and re-alignment of the First Legislative District will result in two (2) Legislative Districts as follows:

	Population (As of May 1, 2020)
First (1 st) District	414, 050
City of Talisay Minglanilla	
Eighth (8 th) District	395, 285
City of Naga San Fernando City of Carcar Sibonga	

The First and Eighth Legislative Districts would have more in population than the Second, Sixth and Seventh Districts of the Province of Cebu.

In view of the foregoing, it is fair, equitable and justified to create one (1) additional Legislative District for the Province of Cebu.


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AN ACT
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN THE PROVINCE OF
CEBU TO BE KNOWN AS THE EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

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

SECTION 1. *Creation of the Eighth Legislative District.* – There is hereby created an additional legislative district in the Province of Cebu to be known as the Eighth Legislative District by reapportioning the current First Legislative District to commence in the next national and local elections after the effectivity of this Act. Henceforth, the following Cities and Municipalities shall comprise the Eighth Legislative District, to wit:

- (a) City of Naga;
- (b) San Fernando;
- (c) City of Carcar; and
- (d) Sibonga.

The current First Legislative District of the Province of Cebu, which shall continue to be designated as such, shall be composed of the following City and Municipality, to wit:

- (a) City of Talisay; and
- (b) Minglanilla.

SECTION 2. *Rules and Regulations.* – The Commission on Elections shall issue the necessary rules and regulations within thirty (30) days upon approval of this Act.

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

SECTION 4. *Effectivity* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,