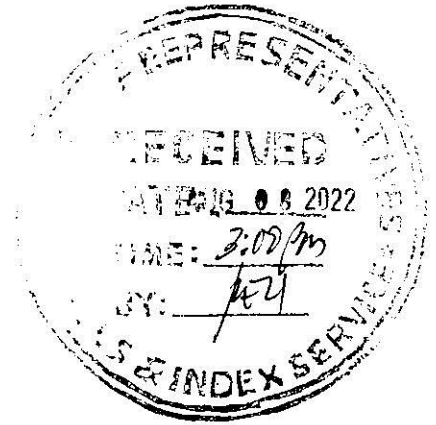


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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

In 1987 when the new Philippine Constitution was ratified, the City of General Santos as in the case of many other cities that failed to meet the population requirement of 250,000, remained clustered with their province of origin for purposes of congressional representation, which in this particular case, was the First Legislative District of the Province of South Cotabato.

Such representation however was purely for congressional purposes only and was in no way indicative of a change in the legal status of the City of General Santos as a highly urbanized city, **geographically separate, administratively independent and beyond the political jurisdiction** of the Province of South Cotabato.

This independence is clearly defined and provided for in Section 103 of Republic Act No. 5412 as amended, otherwise known as the "Charter of the City of General Santos"; Section 3 paragraph 4 of Batas Pambansa Bilang 51 or the "Act Providing for the Elective or Appointive Positions in Various Local Governments and for Other Purposes"; Sections 165 to 168, Title Three, Chapter I of Batas Pambansa Bilang 337 otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1983" and Section 452-c, Title Three, Chapter I of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the "Local Government Code of 1991".

This bill therefore seeks to amend Republic Act No. 11243 to designate the City of General Santos as a Lone Legislative District consistent with the spirit and intent of the aforementioned laws.

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

  
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**AN ACT**  
**DESIGNATING THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS AS A LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT**  
**AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11243**

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Republic Act No. 11243 is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. [Reapportioning of the First] **LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS.** - [The First Legislative District of the Province of South Cotabato is hereby reapportioned in order to create the Lone Legislative District of General Santos City to commence in the next national and local elections after the effectivity of this Act.] **THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS IS SEPARATED FROM THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO TO CONSTITUTE THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS.** [The Legislative Districts] **THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT** of the Province shall now be composed of the [following] **MUNICIPALITIES OF POLOMOLOK, TAMPAKAN AND TUPL.**

**SEC. 2.** Repealing Clause – All laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

**SEC. 3.** Effectivity – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

**APPROVED.**