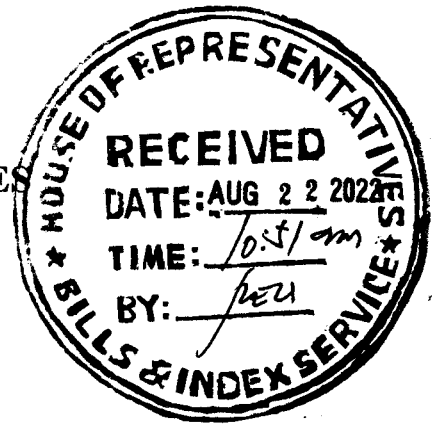


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Article VI, Section 5, Paragraph 4 of the Constitution gives Congress the power, if not the responsibility, to reapportion legislative districts. Such power is granted to assure an adequate delivery of services, and for constituents to easily reach out to their representatives. Thus, this bill proposes a reapportionment of the current Lone Legislative District of Eastern Samar into two separate districts.

The 2015-2020 Census of Population and Housing (CPH) of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) has recorded an increase of 0.45% in the Annual Population Growth Rate of Eastern Samar.<sup>1</sup> By the end of that decade, the province's population was on the brink of reaching half a million citizens. Such growth rate inarguably demands the introduction of significant developments to cater to the changing and ancillary needs of every *Estehanon*.

Improvements have been made in various areas over the years, to wit: tourism and industrial sectors, health, infrastructure, public service, and agriculture among others. All these forms a trajectory towards a better and more inclusive Eastern Samar. However, such trajectory can only be sustained if certain measures and/or policies are put in place. Thus, additional representation over the district is much warranted to better carry out various projects and programs for the *Estehanon*.

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

  
**MARIA FE R. ABUNDA**  
Representative, Lone District, Eastern Samar

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<sup>1</sup> 2020 CPH, Region 8 (accessed at: <https://psa.gov.ph/content/2020-census-population-and-housing-2020-cph-population-counts-declared-official-president>)

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**AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE LONE DISTRICT OF EASTERN SAMAR  
INTO TWO (2) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS**

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

**Section 1. LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS** – The Lone District of Eastern Samar is hereby reapportioned into two (2) Legislative Districts, as follows, to commence in the next national and local elections after the effectivity of this Act.

**A. FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT –**

1. Municipality of Arteche,
2. Municipality of Can-Avid,
3. Municipality of Dolores,
4. Municipality of Jipapad,
5. Municipality of Maslog,
6. Municipality of Oras,
7. Municipality of San Julian,
8. Municipality of San Policarpio,
9. Municipality of Sulat,
10. Municipality of Taft; and
11. City of Borongan.

**B. SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT –**

1. Municipality of Balangiga,
2. Municipality of Balangkayan,
3. Municipality of Gen. Macarthur,
4. Municipality of Guiuan,
5. Municipality of Giporlos
6. Municipality of Hernani,
7. Municipality of Lawaan
8. Municipality of Llorente,

9. Municipality of Maydolong,
10. Municipality of Mercedes,
11. Municipality of Quinapondan, and
12. Municipality of Salcedo.

**Section 2. INCUMBENT REPRESENTATIVE** - The incumbent Representative of the Lone Legislative District of Eastern Samar shall continue to represent the reapportioned Legislative Districts until the Representatives for the First and Second Legislative Districts shall have been elected and qualified.

**Section 3. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS** - The Commission on Elections shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act within thirty (30) days upon effectivity of this Act.

**Section 4. REPEALING CLAUSE-** All laws, rules, and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,