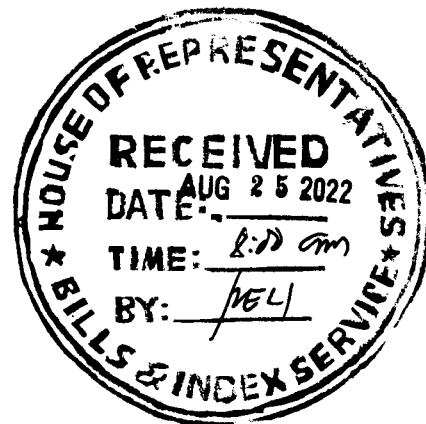


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HOUSE BILL NO. 4090



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create the Lone Legislative District of the City of Malolos in accordance with Art. VI, Sec. 5, Par. 3 of the 1987 Constitution, which provides that "Each city with a population of at least two hundred fifty thousand, or each province, shall have at least one representative." Our Constitution mandates that cities and/or provinces are given proper and adequate representation in the House of Representatives.

The City of Malolos prides itself as the "Cradle of the Philippine Republic" and the capital of the Province of Bulacan¹. Throughout history, Malolos has aligned itself with economic growth through the development of infrastructure projects and has generated jobs for its constituents as well as the residents of nearby municipalities. It endeavored and succeeded in passing a bill into law, Republic Act No. 9591, which sought to create the Lone Legislative District of the City of Malolos². Regrettably, the law did not survive the deliberations in the Supreme Court in 2010 when it was challenged for using a population projection and falling short of the population requirement³.

Presently, the City of Malolos remains part of the First Legislative District of Bulacan along with the Municipalities of Bulakan, Calumpit, Hagonoy, Paombong, and Pulilan. The establishment of the Lone Legislative District of the City of Malolos is long overdue and should have been pursued as early as the release of the 2015 Census of Population, when it finally reached the population threshold⁴. Today, the City is inhabited by more than 261,189 citizens eager for more significant participation in legislation⁵.

¹Lungsod ng Malolos Website.

² Republic Act No. 9591 (2009).

³ Aldaba v. COMELEC, G.R. No. 188078, (2010).

⁴ Philippine Statistics Authority, 2015 Census of Population.

⁵ Philippine Statistics Authority, 2020 Census of Population and Housing.

The creation of the Lone Legislative District of the City of Malolos would benefit not only the City, but also those that would remain in the First Legislative District. The balanced distribution of constituents, receipt of its fair share of the National Government's resources, and more manageable areas of governance would give its representatives the opportunity to optimize their functions. Both districts' abilities to render effective public service and attend to its people's needs would be strengthened, and proper representation in Congress would be guaranteed.

In line with the principles of adequate representation and effective public service, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 57 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8754, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MALOLOS**

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

SECTION 1. ***Legislative District.*** - Section 57 of Republic Act No. 8754, otherwise known as the Charter of the City of Malolos is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 57. *Legislative District.* - The City of Malolos shall have its own legislative district to commence in the next national election after the effectivity of this Act."

SEC. 2. ***Incumbent Representative*** - The incumbent representative of the First Legislative District of the Province of Bulacan shall continue to represent the City of Malolos until the new representative of the Lone Legislative District of the City of Malolos shall have been elected and qualified.

SEC. 3. ***Rules and Regulations.*** - The Commission on Elections shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

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

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

Approved,