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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6817



Introduced by Hon. Julianne L. Baronda

EXPLANATORY NOTE

No less than the 1987 Constitution provides for the rules on legislative apportionment. Article VI Section 5 thereof states that:

Sec. 5(1). (1) The House of Representatives shall be composed of not more than two hundred fifty members unless otherwise fixed by law, who shall be elected from legislative districts apportioned among the provinces, cities, and the Metropolitan Manila area in accordance with the number of their respective inhabitants, and on the basis of a uniform and progressive ratio, and those who, as provided by law, shall be elected through a party-list system of registered national, regional and sectoral parties or organizations.

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(3) Each legislative district shall comprise, as far as practicable, continuous, 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.

(4) Within three years following the return of every census, the Congress shall make a reapportionment of legislative districts based on the standards provided in this section.

The rationale behind Article VI, Section 5 is political representation and providing the means to make a legislative district sufficiently represented so that the people can be effectively heard. The aim of legislative apportionment is to equalize population and voting power among districts. It likewise aims to enfranchise the electorate while ensuring that the elected representative will be able to properly serve his constituents. Hence, emphasis is given to the number of people represented; the ratio to be observed among the representative districts; and accessibility and commonality of interests in terms of each district being, as far as practicable, continuous, compact and adjacent.

In consonance with the above Constitutional mandate, it is the position of this representation that Iloilo City as a lone legislative district is already ripe for reapportionment. In fact, this same bill has been proposed during the 18th Congress and was able to pass on third and final reading. With the subsequent passage of time, the fast-paced development of Iloilo City, and the increasing population, there is a concomitant need to ensure equal representation and empowerment of the people.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jam L. Baronda', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rep. Julianne “Jam” L. Baronda
District Representative

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AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ILOILO

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

Sec. 1. The City of Iloilo is hereby reapportioned into two (2) legislative districts to commence on the 2025 national and local elections. The legislative districts of the City of Iloilo shall now be composed of the following barangays:

First Legislative District:

- 1) Arguelles
- 2) Balabago
- 3) Balantang
- 4) Benedicto
- 5) Bito-on
- 6) Buhang
- 7) Buntatala
- 8) Calubihan
- 9) Camalig
- 10) CC E1 98
- 1 l) Cuartero
- 12) Cubay

- 13) Democracia
- 14) Desamparados
- 15) Dungeon-A
- 16) Dungeon-B
- 17) Fajardo
- 18) Fatima
- 19) Javellana
- 20) Lanit
- 21) Lopez Jaena
- 22) Luna
- 23) Our Lady of Lourdes
- 24) Maria Cristina
- 25) M.H. Del Pilar
- 26) Montinola
- 27) M.V. Hechanova
- 28) Sambag
- 29) San Isidro
- 30) San Jose
- 31) San Pedro
- 32) San Vicente
- 33) San Roque
- 34) Seminario
- 35) Simon Ledesma
- 36) Sta. Isabel-Libertad
- 37) Tabuc Suba
- 38) Tacas
- 39) Tagbac
- 40) Taytay Zone II
- 41) Quintin Salas
- 42) Ungka
- 43) Aguinaldo

- 44) Divinagracia
- 45) Rizal
- 46) Jereos
- 47) Burgos-Mabini
- 48) Gustilo
- 49) Hinactacan
- 50) Banuyao
- 51) San Isidro
- 52) Ticud
- 53) Ingore
- 54) Caingin
- 55) Magdalo
- 56) Mac Arthur
- 57) San Nicolas
- 58) Railway
- 59) Tabuc Suba-Lapaz
- 60) Baldoza
- 61) Nabitasan
- 62) Bantud
- 63) Luna
- 64) Magsaysay Village
- 65) Lopez Jaena Sur
- 66) Lopez Jaena Norte
- 67) Laguda
- 68) Airport
- 69) Bakhaw
- 70) Bolilao
- 71) Calahunan
- 72) Dungon C
- 73) Guzman Jesena
- 74) Hibao-an Norte

- 75) Hibao-an Sur
- 76) Navais
- 77) Oñate De Leon
- 78) Pali-Benedicto
- 79) PHHC Block 17
- 80) PHHC Block 22
- 81) Q. Abeto
- 82) San Rafael
- 83) Sta. Rosa
- 84) Tabucan, and
- 85) Taft North

Second Legislative
District:

- 1) Arsenal Aduana
- 2) Tanza Baybay
- 3) Tanza Bonifacio
- 4) Concepcion
- 5) Danao
- 6) Ed Ganson
- 7) Flores
- 8) General Hughes
- 9) Gloria
- 10) Hipodromo
- 11) Inday
- 12) Bagumbayan
- 13) Jalandoni Wilson
- 14) Kahirupan
- 15) Kauswagan
- 16) Legaspi Dela Rama
- 17) Liberation

- 18) Magsaysay
- 19) Mabolo-Delgado
- 20) Malipayon-Delgado
- 21) Maria Clara
- 22) Monica Blumentritt
- 23) Muelle Loney
- 24) Nonoy
- 25) Ortiz
- 26) Pres. Roxas
- 27) Osmeña
- 28) Rima Rizal
- 29) Rizal Estanzuela
- 30) Rizal Ibarra
- 31) Rizal Palapala I
- 32) Rizal Palapala II
- 33) Roxas Village
- 34) Sampaguita
- 35) San Agustin
- 36) San Felix
- 37) San Jose
- 38) Santo Rosario-Duran
- 39) Tanza-Esperanza
- 40) Tanza Timawa I
- 41) Tanza Timawa II
- 42) Veteran's Village
- 43) Villa Anita
- 44) Yulo-Arroyo
- 45) Zamora-Melliza
- 46) Avanceña
- 47) Boulevard
- 48) Calumpang

- 49) Cocherro
- 50) Compania Central
- 51) East Baluarte
- 52) East Timawa
- 53) Infante
- 54) Kasing-Kasing
- 55) Katilingban
- 56) North Baluarte
- 57) North Fundidor
- 58) North San Jose
- 59) Poblacion
- 60) Salvacion Habog-Habog
- 61) San Antonio
- 62) San Juan
- 63) San Pedro
- 64) South Baluarte
- 65) South Fundidor
- 66) South San Jose
- 67) Taal
- 68) Tap-oc
- 69) West Habog-Habog
- 70) West Timawa
- 71) Bonifacio
- 72) Calaparan
- 73) Dulongan
- 74) Mohon
- 75) Quezon
- 76) San Jose
- 77) Santa Felomina
- 78) Sooc
- 79) Santa Cruz

- 80) Santo Domingo
- 81) Santo Niño Norte
- 82) Santo Niño Sur
- 83) Yulo Drive
- 84) Lapuz Norte
- 85) Loboc
- 86) Lapuz Sur
- 87) Progreso
- 88) Mansaya
- 89) Libertad
- 90) Jalandoni Estate
- 91) Bo. Obrero
- 92) Sinikway
- 93) Don Esteban
- 94) Punong, and
- 95) Alalasan

Sec. 2. The incumbent Representative of the Lone Legislative District of the City of Iloilo shall continue to hold office until the new Representatives have been elected and qualified.

Sec. 3. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,