

Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City

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House Bill No. 8270



Introduced by **HONORABLE PETER B. MIGUEL**

**AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO 11804 , REAPPORTIONING THE SANGGUNIANG
PANLALAWIGAN SEATS IN THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to ensure the proper implementation of Republic Act 11804 by reapportioning additional sangguniang panlalawigan district and providing additional seats therefor.

This bill seeks to introduce amendments by reapportioning the sangguniang panlalawigan seats of the Province of South Cotabato in concurrence with the enactment of Republic Act 11804 or otherwise known as **AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO INTO THREE (3) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS, AND SEPARATING THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS FROM THE THIRD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO TO CONSTITUTE THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11243, ENTITLED "AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO THEREBY CREATING THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF GENERAL SANTOS CITY"** to ensure the proper representation of the growing number of residents in the Province of South Cotabato in the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

Hence, since R.A. 11804 was proposed and designed to address the patent inequity of representation in the House of Representatives by adding another legislative district, it is concomitant that the number of sangguniang panlalawigan districts must likewise be reapportioned to three (3) districts so that its interest in the provincial board must be fully protected and promoted.

In light of the foregoing, the enactment of this proposed legislative measure is earnestly sought.

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

Section 1: Seats in the Sangguniang Panlalawigan. – The provisions of Republic Act 11804 to the contrary notwithstanding, and by virtue of the reapportionment as mandated by the said Act, the Province of South Cotabato is hereby allocated fifteen (15) seats in the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to be assigned as follows:

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| (a) First Legislative District | - | three (3) seats |
| (b) Second Legislative District | - | four (4) seats |
| (c) Third Legislative District | - | three (3) seats |

Section 2: Holdover. – The incumbent Members of Sangguniang Panlalawigan in the Province of South Cotabato shall continue to represent their respective districts until the new members of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan shall have been elected and qualified in the immediately next national and local elections after the effectivity of this Act.

Section 3: Rules and Regulations. – The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.

Section 4: Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act shall be deemed repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 5: Effectivity Clause: This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

APPROVED.