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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8304



Introduced by Representative DAVID "Jay-Jay" C. SUAREZ

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State has always been committed in ensuring fair and equitable representation of its constituents in the legislative branch of government. With the rapid growth and development of the City of Lucena, it has become necessary to grant it separate representation in order to effectively address the needs and concerns of its residents.

The primary objective of the bill is to establish the City of Lucena as a lone legislative district, which shall be known as the Lone Legislative District of the City of Lucena.

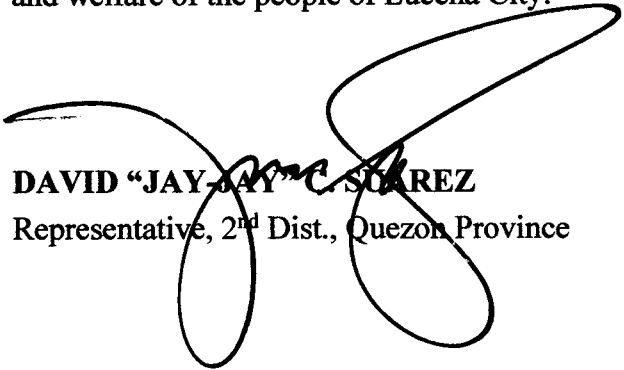
By establishing the City of Lucena into a lone legislative district, it can better empower its local government to advocate for its unique interests and priorities. This includes enhancing the city's capacity to implement policies and programs that will contribute to its continued growth and development.

The City of Lucena is a thriving urban center and serves as the provincial capital of Quezon. It has a distinct economic, social, and cultural landscape, as well as unique challenges and opportunities. Providing it with its own lone legislative district will enable the city to have a dedicated representative in the House of Representatives who can more effectively champion its concerns and aspirations at the national level.

Moreover, the creation of the Lone Legislative District of the City of Lucena necessitates the reapportionment of the remaining legislative districts in the Province of Quezon to ensure proper representation and balance in accordance with the Constitution and existing laws.

This bill recognizes the importance of granting the City of Lucena a lone legislative district status to foster more responsive governance and to ensure that its residents have a strong voice in national decision-making processes.

In view of the foregoing, it is imperative that this bill be enacted into law to secure the representation and welfare of the people of Lucena City.



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AN ACT
SEPARATING THE CITY OF LUCENA FROM THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF
THE PROVINCE OF QUEZON TO CONSTITUTE THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
OF THE CITY OF LUCENA

Be it passed by the Philippine Senate and House of Representatives in Congress, in session:

Section 1. Short Title. - This Act shall be known as the " Lone Legislative District the City of Lucena Act."

Sec. 2. Objective. – It is the primary objective of this Act is to establish the City of Lucena as a lone legislative district.

Sec. 3. Declaration of Policy. - It is the policy of the State to ensure fair and equitable representation of its constituents in the legislative branch of government. In pursuit of this policy, the separation of the City of Lucena from the Second Legislative District of the Province of Quezon to constitute the lone legislative district of the City of Lucena is deemed necessary to effectively address the needs and concerns of its residents.

Sec. 4. Separation of the City of Lucena. - The City of Lucena, currently part of the Second Legislative District of the Province of Quezon, is hereby separated from the said district to form its own lone legislative district.

Sec. 5. Composition of the Lone Legislative District. - The lone legislative district of the City of Lucena shall comprise the territorial jurisdiction of Lucena City, Province of Quezon.

Sec. 6. Representation in the Legislative Branch. - The City of Lucena shall be entitled to one (1) representative in the House of Representatives, who shall be elected in the manner provided by law.

Sec. 7. Incumbent District Representative. – The incumbent Representative of the present Second Legislative District of the Province of Quezon shall continue to represent the lone district of the City of Lucena until the expiration of his or her term of office.

Sec. 8. Reapportionment of Legislative Districts. - In light of the separation of the City of Lucena, the remaining legislative districts in the Province of Quezon shall be reapportioned, taking into consideration the population and other relevant factors, as provided by the Constitution and existing laws.

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Sec. 10. Appropriations. - The necessary funds for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

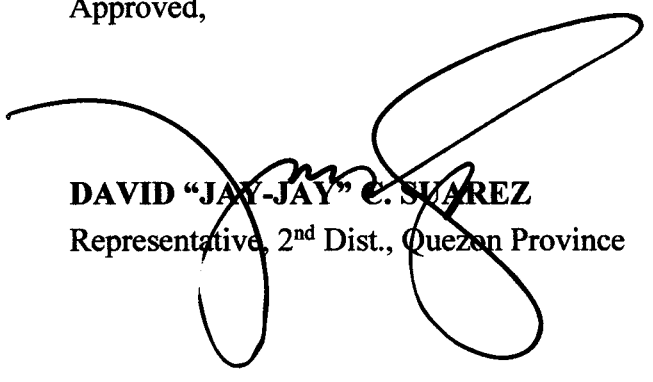
Sec. 11. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) in consultation with the Local Government of Lucena, Provincial Government of Quezon and all government agencies concerned shall promulgate the necessary guidelines and implementing rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Sec. 12. Separability Clause - If any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity and effectivity of the other provisions hereof.

Sec. 13. Repealing Clause - All laws, decrees, orders, rules, and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Sec. 14. 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,



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