

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 581

Introduced by **Representative Jaime R. Fresnedi**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create another legislative district in the City of Muntinlupa. It proposes to divide the current lone legislative district of Muntinlupa City into two (2) legislative districts. The first legislative district shall be composed of Barangays Tunasan, Poblacion, Putatan and Bayanan. On the other hand, Barangays Alabang, Cupang, Buli, Sucat and New Alabang shall compose the second district.

Article VI of the 1987 Philippine Constitution is the relevant provision of our basic law pertaining to the creation of legislative districts. It states:

"SECTION 5. (1) The House of Representatives shall be composed of not more than two hundred and 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.

(2) The party-list representatives shall constitute twenty per centum of the total number of representatives including those under the party list. For three consecutive terms after the ratification of this Constitution, one-half of the seats allocated to party-list representatives shall be filled, as provided by law, by selection or election from the labor, peasant, urban poor, indigenous cultural communities, women, youth, and such other sectors as may be provided by law, except the religious sector.

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

According to the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), the total population of the City of Muntinlupa stands at 543,445 based on the 2020 Census of Population and Housing. Its barangays on the other hand have the following respective populations according to the same census:

Alabang	-	71,075
Bayanan	-	39,150
Buli	-	13,341
Cupang	-	57,196
Población	-	120,115
Putatan	-	99,725
Sucat	-	56,354
Tunasan	-	61,374
New Alabang	-	25,115

Based on these figures and taking into consideration that the barangays which shall compose the two proposed legislative districts are contiguous, compact and adjacent, there are sufficient bases for the apportionment of the existing lone legislative district of Muntinlupa City. Clearly, the proposal is compliant with the provisions of our fundamental law. And with the population growth of the past five years, it becomes more imperative that Muntinlupeños are provided with the representation that they are entitled to under the Constitution.

There is no doubt that the creation of another legislative district will redound to the benefit of Muntinlupeños. It will give them another voice in the august halls of the House of Representatives to further ensure that their voices are heard and their interests and welfare promoted and protected.

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


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF MUNTINLUPA INTO TWO LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

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

SECTION 1. *Apportionment of the Lone Legislative District of Muntinlupa City.* – The Lone Legislative District of Muntinlupa City is hereby apportioned into two (2) legislative districts to commence in the next national or local elections after the effectivity of this Act.

- (a) The First Legislative District shall be composed of Barangays Tunasan, Poblacion, Putatan and Bayanan.
- (b) The Second Legislative District shall be composed of Barangays Alabang, Cupang, Buli, Sucat and New Alabang.

SEC. 2. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SEC. 3. *Separability Clause.* – If any provision of this Act shall be deemed unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions not affected there shall remain in force and effect.

SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.* – All Acts, Presidential Decrees, Executive Orders and Administrative Orders, Rules and Regulations and other such issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,