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HOUSE BILL NO. 723



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Introduced by Representative JONATHAN KEITH T. FLORES

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article VI, Section 5 (3) of the 1987 Constitution provides the rationale for legislative apportionment.

***SECTION 5.** (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.*

The Province of Bukidnon, based on the 2020 Census by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), recorded a total population of 1,541,308, currently represented by four (4) Legislative Districts. This means that on average, a legislative district in Bukidnon represents approximately 400,000 constituents. Moreover, Bukidnon is the third-largest province in the Philippines and is composed of twenty-two (22 ) Local Government Units (LGUs).

With Bukidnon's growing population and its significant role and potential as a major contributor to the country's economy, it is imperative to ensure adequate enfranchisement of the electorate, while enabling elected Representatives to effectively reach and serve their constituents.

It is evident that Bukidnon's population has long surpassed the 250,000-person benchmark for legislative apportionment set by the 1987 Constitution. Thus, this bill proposes the reapportionment of Bukidnon's legislative districts to ensure proportional representation and to further empower the citizens of Bukidnon to actively participate in nation-building.

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

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**AN ACT  
REAPPORTIONING THE PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON  
INTO FIVE (5) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS**

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

**SECTION 1. *Redistricting.*** - The current four (4) Legislative Districts of the Province of Bukidnon are hereby reapportioned into five (5) Legislative Districts, which shall be composed of the following local government units (LGUs):

**A. First Legislative District**

LGU	2020 PSA Population Census
Baungon	37,111
Libona	48,965
Malitbog	26,741
Manolo Fortich	113,200
Sumilao	29,531
Talakag	77,027

**B. Second Legislative District**

LGU	2020 PSA Population Census
Impasug-Ong	53,863
Lantapan	65,974
Malaybalay City	190,712

**C. Third Legislative District**

LGU	2020 PSA Population Census
Kadingilan	33,735
Maramag	108,293
Pangantucan	56,580
Quezon	109,624

**D. Fourth Legislative District**

LGU	2020 PSA Population Census
Cabanglasan	36286
San Fernando	63045
Valencia City	216546

**E. Fifth Legislative District**

<b>LGU</b>	<b>2020 PSA Population Census</b>
Damulog	39,322
Dangcagan	26,076
Don Carlos	69,273
Kalilangan	43,711
Kibawe	41,897

**SEC. 2. *Incumbent Representatives and Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members.*** - The incumbent representatives and Sangguniang Panlalawigan members of the Province of Bukidnon shall continue to hold office until the new Representatives and Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members of the reapportioned area shall have been elected and qualified.

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

**SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.*** - All laws, executive orders, proclamations, presidential decrees, rules and regulations 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) national newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved.*