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House Bill No. **851**



Introduced by: **HON. MARK ANTHONY G. SANTOS**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Located in the National Capital Region, the City of Las Piñas was created through Republic Act No. 8251 in 1997, with a total land area of approximately 3,268.6 hectares or 32.686 square kilometers.

Since its creation, the City of Las Piñas has only been represented through one (1) Lone Congressional District. Its population has exponentially increased since 1995 from a population of 413,086 to now a whopping 641,387. This continuous rise in its population has created an urgent need for more proportionate and evenly distributed representation, reflective of the will of all Las Piñeros.

None other than the 1987 Constitution, in Article VI, Section 5, Paragraph 4, mandates Congress to make a reapportionment of legislative districts within three (3) years following the return of every national census. This is to ensure that a city or a province is given proper and adequate representation in the House of Representatives, each comprising at least 250,000 inhabitants.

Thus, the need for additional representation must be addressed. By reapportioning the entire City of Las Piñas into two (2) congressional districts, an additional legislative district office will be created and established. Once approved, the City of Las Piñas will be represented by two (2) Congressmen, and once operational, the two (2) congressional district offices will adequately enhance the representation of the City and improve services to its constituents.

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


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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE CITY OF LAS
PIÑAS INTO TWO (2) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS**

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

SECTION 1. *Legislative Districts.* — On the next national and local elections after the effectivity of this Act, the City of Las Piñas is hereby reapportioned into two (2) legislative districts, as follows:

- a. First Legislative District — shall be composed of:
 - a. BF International Village, Daniel Fajardo, Elias Aldana, Ilaya, Manuyo Uno, Manuyo Dos, Pamplona Uno, Pamplona Tres, Pulang Lupa Uno, Pulang Lupa Dos, and Zapote
- b. Second Legislative District — shall be composed of:
 - a. Almanza Uno, Almanza Dos, Pamplona Dos, Pilar, Talon Dos, Talon Tres, Talon Kuatro, Talon Singko, and Talon Uno.

SECTION 2. *Holdover* — The incumbent Representative of the Lone Legislative District of the City of Las Piñas shall continue to represent the legislative district until the new representatives of the First and Second Legislative Districts shall have been duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations* — The Commission on Elections shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act within thirty (30) days after its effectivity.

SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause* — All laws, rules, and regulations which are inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.