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REDISTRICTING THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR INTO TWO
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The province of Davao del Sur currently is a lone district. It is composed of one (1) city and nine (9) municipalities with a population of 680,481 people according to the 2020 census. However, this number is continuously increasing and the provision of services has been difficult in relation also to the geographic makeup of the province.

Article VI, Section 5 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that, " Each legislative district shall comprise, as far as practicable, contiguous, compact, and adjacent territory with a population threshold of at least two hundred fifty thousand (250,000), or each province, shall have at least one representative.

The current population of the province warrants the creation of an additional legislative congressional district, to ensure balance and proportionate representation. This will also make public services and governance more accessible.

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


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

SECTION 1. Redistricting. – The Province of Davao del Sur is hereby redistricted into two (2) legislative districts as follows:

First Legislative District : Digos City and the municipalities of Sta. Cruz and Bansalan

Second Legislative District : Municipalities of Malalag, Sulop, Kiblawan, Padada, Hagonoy, Matanao and Magsaysay

SEC. 2. Incumbent Representatives. – The incumbent representative of the First Legislative District of Davao del Sur shall continue to represent the said district until the new representative of the redistricted Province of Davao del Sur shall have been elected and qualified in the next regular congressional elections.

SEC. 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Commission on Elections shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. Separability Clause. – If, for any reason, any portion or provision of this Act shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining provisions not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 5. Repealing Clause. – All laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 6. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,