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House Bill No. 2550

Introduced by

HON. REPRESENTATIVE LAARNI LAVIN ROQUE
4TH DISTRICT, BUKIDNON

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution grants the Congress the power to reapportion legislative districts based on Article VI, Section 5, Paragraphs 3 and 4, which states that:

- (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 is the third largest province in the Philippines in terms of land area and a major contributor to the country's growth and development. To maximize its potential, the people of the Province of Bukidnon must be given the opportunity to participate in national legislative affairs through their district representatives, the number of which must be based on the abovementioned provision in the Constitution.

The Province of Bukidnon is currently composed of twenty-two (22) local government units, two (2) of which are component cities. Bukidnon's

large land area consists mainly of mountainous terrain that is difficult to travel on, which has made governance extremely challenging.

The 2020 Census of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) has stated that the population of the province is already 1,541,308, which is currently represented by only four (4) district representatives. On the average, this shows that each Bukidnon Representative serves as the voice of almost 400,000 constituents. The disproportionate number of constituents for each Bukidnon District Representative hampers their ability to reach out and provide adequate representation in Congress.

Based on the above-mentioned 2020 Census of the PSA, hereinbelow is the table of population for the proposed reapportionment, as follows:

First District		Second District	
Unit	Population	Unit	Population
Baungon	37,111		
Talakag	77,027	Impasug-ong	53,863
Libona	48,965	Cabanglasan	36,286
Malitbog	26,741	Lantapan	65,974
Manolo Fortich	113,200	Malaybalay City	190,712
Sumilao	29,531	TOTAL	343,835
TOTAL	332,575		

Third District		Fourth District	
Unit	Population	Unit	Population
		San Fernando	63,045
Don Carlos	69,273	Valencia City	216,546
Kadingilan	33,735	Pangantucan	56,580
Kalilangan	43,711	TOTAL	336,171
Maramag	108,293	Fifth District	
		Unit	
TOTAL	255,012	Damulog	39,322
		Quezon	109,624
		Kitaotao	53,796
		Dangcagan	26,076
		Kibawe	41,897
		TOTAL	270,715

Thus, the reapportionment of the four (4) districts into five (5) districts is deemed fitting to meet the socio-economic and political demands of the province, as Bukidnon continues to grow in capital and population.

Given the above premises, the urgent passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
RE-DISTRICTING THE CURRENT FOUR (4) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS
OF 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. Re-districting of the Current Four (4) Legislative Districts in the Province of Bukidnon. – The current four (4) Legislative Districts of the Province of Bukidnon are hereby reapportioned into five (5) legislative districts that is to commence in the next national elections after the effectivity of this Act. The five (5) legislative districts in the Province of Bukidnon shall be composed of the following local government units:

The First Legislative District shall be composed of the following:

1. Municipality of Baungon
2. Municipality of Talakag
3. Municipality of Libona
4. Municipality of Malitbog
5. Municipality of Manolo Fortich
6. Municipality of Sumilao

The Second Legislative District shall be composed of the following:

1. Municipality of Cabanglasan
2. Municipality of Lantapan
3. Malaybalay City
4. Municipality of Impasug-ong

The Third Legislative District shall be composed of the following:

1. Municipality of Don Carlos
2. Municipality of Kadingilan
3. Municipality of Kalilangan
4. Municipality of Maramag

The Fourth (4th) Legislative District shall be composed of the following:

1. Municipality of San Fernando
2. Valencia City
3. Municipality of Pangantucan

The Fifth (5th) Legislative District shall be composed of the following:

1. Municipality of Damulog
2. Municipality of Quezon
3. Municipality of Kitaotao
4. Municipality of Dancagan
5. Municipality of Kibawe

Section 2. Incumbent Representatives and Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members. – The respective incumbent Representatives and Sangguniang Panlalawigan members of all the Legislative Districts of the Province of Bukidnon shall continue to hold office until the new Representatives and Sangguniang Panlalawigan Members shall have been elected and qualified.

Section 3. Rules and Regulations. – The Commission on Elections shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Section 4. Repealing Clause. - All other laws, decrees, and proclamations, orders, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby considered repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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

Approved.