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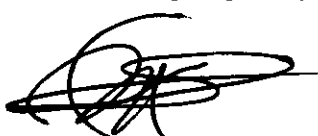
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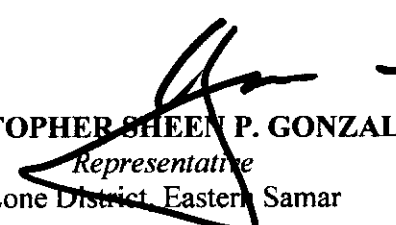
**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE
PROVINCE OF EASTERN SAMAR INTO TWO (2) LEGISLATIVE
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Eastern Samar, located in the Eastern Visayas Region and covering a total land area of 4,660.47 square kilometers, was formerly part of Samar Province. It became a distinct and separate province through Republic Act No. 4221, enacted on June 19, 1965. Presently, it is comprised of one (1) component city and 22 municipalities.

Since its establishment, the Province of Eastern Samar has only a Lone Congressional District. However, its population has nearly doubled since its creation. As per the latest Census of Population (2024), Eastern Samar now has a population of 473,000. The continuous rise in its population has placed an enormous strain on the Lone Congressional District Office's capacity and capability to serve the needs of its constituents.

Thus, the need for an additional representation must be addressed. By reapportioning the entire Province of Eastern Samar into two (2) congressional districts, an additional legislative district office will be created and established. Once approved, the Province of Eastern Samar will be represented by two (2) Congressmen, and once operational, the two (2) congressional district offices can adequately enhance the representation for and improve the services to its constituents. In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

SEC. 1. Legislative Districts. - On the next national and local elections after the effectivity of this Act, the Province of Eastern Samar is hereby reapportioned into two (2) legislative districts, as follows:

- a) First Legislative District. - The First Legislative District shall be composed of the City of Borongan and the Municipalities of Arteche, Can-avid, Dolores, Jipapad, Maslog, Oras, San Julian, San Policarpo, Sulat and Taft; and
- b) Second Legislative District. -The Second Legislative District shall be composed of the Municipalities of Balangiga, Balangkayan, Gen. MacArthur, Giporlos, Guiuan, Hernani, Lawaan, Llorente, Maydolong, Mercedes, Quinapondan and Salcedo.

SEC. 2. Holdover. - The incumbent Representative of the Lone Legislative District of the Province of Eastern Samar shall continue to represent the legislative district until the new representative of the First and Second Legislative Districts shall have been duly elected and qualified.

SEC. 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.

SEC. 4. Repealing Clause. - All laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,