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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. **5311**



Introduced by **ABONO Party-list Representative**
HON. ROBERT RAYMUND M. ESTRELLA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article VI, Section 5 (3) of the 1987 Constitution states that,

“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.”

The province of Pangasinan, based on the 2020 Census, registered a total population of 3,163,190 and has ranked seventh in the most populous provinces in the Philippines. Furthermore, according to the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) the province’s population is projected to have grown to 3,200,771 in 2021.

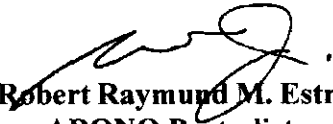
With such high population density, Pangasinan has long since exceeded the 1986 population benchmark of 250,000 people commonly utilized for the apportionment of additional legislative districts. In fact, Pangasinan has remained apportioned in six (6) districts for more than two decades already despite Article VI, Section 5 (4) of the Constitution prescribing that,

“SECTION 5. (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.”

Considering these factors, Congress would be remiss of its duties if it continues to disregard the constitutionally prescribed reapportionment of Pangasinan consistent with the “number of its respective inhabitants, and on the basis of a uniform and progressive ratio.” The consequence of such negligence would be the deficient provision of critical services to constituents and a disparity of funds allocated for the province vis-à-vis its growing population.

Therefore, before the province becomes even more unwieldy to represent, the creation of two (2) additional legislative districts is required. It is the intent of this representation to give the people of Pangasinan the representation they need as we push ever forward towards greater social and economic development. Suffice it to say that our people are entitled to a stronger presence in Congress and it has been a long time coming.

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



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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF
PANGASINAN INTO EIGHT (8) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

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

SECTION 1. On the next national and local elections after the effectivity of this Act, the Province of Pangasinan is hereby reapportioned into eight (8) legislative districts, as follows:

a. First Legislative District:

- 1) Bolinao
- 2) Anda
- 3) Bani
- 4) Agno
- 5) Burgos
- 6) Infanta
- 7) Dasol
- 8) Alaminos City
- 9) Sual
- 10) Mabini

b. Second Legislative District

- 1) Labrador
- 2) Bugallon
- 3) Lingayen
- 4) Aguilar
- 5) Mangatarem
- 6) Binmaley

c. Third Legislative District

- 1) Calasiao
- 2) Malasiqui
- 3) Mapandan
- 4) Santa Barbara
- 5) San Carlos City

d. Fourth Legislative District

- 1) Dagupan
- 2) Mangaldan
- 3) San Fabian
- 4) San Jacinto

e. Fifth Legislative District

- 1) Sison
- 2) Pozorrubio
- 3) Laoac
- 4) Binalonan
- 5) Urdaneta City
- 6) Manaoag

f. Sixth Legislative District

- 1) San Manuel
- 2) San Quintin
- 3) Umingan
- 4) Tayug
- 5) Natividad
- 6) San Nicolas

g. Seventh Legislative District

- 1) Santo Tomas
- 2) Rosales
- 3) Asingan
- 4) Villasis
- 5) Sta. Maria
- 6) Balungao

h. Eighth Legislative District

- 1) Bautista
- 2) Bayambang

- 3) Urbiztondo
- 4) Basista
- 5) Alcala

SEC. 2. The incumbent Representatives of the Province of Pangasinan shall continue to hold office until the new Representatives have been elected and qualified.

SEC. 3. Within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,