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HOUSE BILL NO. 7475

Introduced by: **REP. RUTH T. MANGUDADATU-SAKALURAN**
REP. BELLA VANESSA B. SUANSING

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to reapportion the current First (1st) and Second (2nd) Legislative Districts of the Province of Sultan Kudarat into three (3) separate and distinct legislative districts, pursuant to Section 5, Article VI of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, which mandates that each legislative district shall comprise, as far as practicable, contiguous, compact, and adjacent territory and that each district shall have a population of at least two hundred fifty thousand (250,000).

Over the years, Sultan Kudarat has experienced significant population growth and socio-economic development. Based on the latest census conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), the population and geographic expansion of the province justify the creation of additional legislative districts to ensure more effective representation of its constituents in the House of Representatives.

The proposed reapportionment will result in the following legislative districts:

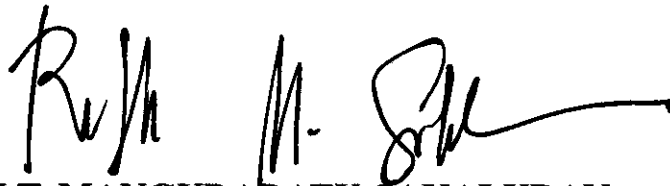
- (a) The First Legislative District shall be composed of the municipalities of Lutayan, Columbio, President Quirino and Tacurong City with a total population of 260,051 (as of 2024).

(b) The Second Legislative District shall be composed of the municipalities of Bagumbayan, Senator Ninoy Aquino, Lebak, Kalamansig and Palimbang with a total population of 347,035 (as of 2024).

(c) The Third Legislative District shall be composed of the municipalities of Isulan, Lambayong and Esperanza with a total population of 256,565 (as of 2024).

The creation of a third legislative district will not only ensure compliance with constitutional standards, but also provide better representation, more efficient delivery of public services, and enhanced development planning tailored to the needs of each locality.

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



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AN ACT
REAPPORTIONING THE COMPOSITION OF THE FIRST
(1ST) AND SECOND (2ND) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS IN
THE PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT AND THEREBY
CREATING A NEW LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT FROM
SUCH REAPPORTIONMENT

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

SECTION 1. The composition of the current First (1st) and Second (2nd) Legislative Districts in the Province of Sultan Kudarat is hereby reapportioned in order to create an additional legislative district to commence in the next national elections after the effectivity of this Act, as follows;

- (a) The First Legislative District shall be composed of the municipalities of Lutayan, Columbio, President Quirino and Tacurong City.
- (b) The Second Legislative District shall be composed of the municipalities of Bagumbayan, Senator Ninoy Aquino, Lebak, Kalamansig and Palimbang.
- (c) The Third Legislative District shall be composed of the municipalities of Isulan, Lambayong and Esperanza.

SECTION 2. Rules and Regulations. - The Commission on Elections shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SECTION 3. Repealing Clause. - All laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,