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HOUSE BILL NO. 10399



Introduced by Representative SITTIE SHAHARA "BAI DIMPLE" I. MASTURA

AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR A GENERAL REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS OF THE PHILIPPINES PURSUANT TO THE LATEST CENSUS OF POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLDS.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide for the reapportionment of all legislative districts in the Philippines based on the latest Official Census of Population and Households conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority.

The basis for this proposal is paragraph 4, Section 5 of Article VI of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, which we quote:

"Sec. 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."

For almost four (4) decades, Congress has seen fit to pursue the creation of new legislative districts as they are proposed locally and not as a result of a general reapportionment law.

In view of the foregoing, 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. Declaration of Policy. – It is the declared policy of the State that Congress shall reapportion the legislative districts of the country within three (3) years of the return of every census.

SEC. 2. Reapportionment of Legislative Districts. – Legislative districts are hereby reapportioned with a minimum population of at least four hundred thousand per district based on the latest Census, provided that no existing district shall be deprived of its representation. Each city with a population of at least 250,000 or each province shall have at least one representative.

SEC. 3. Repealing Clause. – All laws, orders, issuances, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,