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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article VI, section 5 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution specifically provides for the requirements of the creation of legislative districts apportioned among the provinces, cities, and the Metropolitan Manila area in accordance with the number of their respective inhabitants, and on the basis of a uniform and progressive ratio. Paragraph 3 of the same provision further requires that 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. This can be logically interpreted that the Constitution wants to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of the delivery of public service to the community through equal representation.

The City of Bacolod, classified as highly urbanized city, has a total population of 511,820 based on the 2010 Philippine Statistics Authority census. Moreover, the city is projected to have a total of 579,101 population in the year 2017 based on a 1.78 annual growth rate according to the Bacolod City Planning and Development Office. These data clearly manifest that the city meets the minimum requirements set forth by law for the reapportionment of a new legislative district.

Thus, to ensure that the voice of the people will continue to be our utmost consideration, and to equalize population and voting power among the districts, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BACOLOD AND THEREBY CREATING A NEW LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT FROM SUCH REAPPORTIONMENT

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

SECTION 1. *Legislative Districts.* - The lone legislative district of the City of Bacolod is hereby reapportioned to commence in the next national elections after the effectivity of this Act. Henceforth, barangays 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 41, Alangilan, Banago, Bata, Estefania, Granada, Mandalagan, Montevista, and Villamonte shall comprise the first district while barangays 28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40, Alijis, Cabug, Felisa, Handumanan, Mansilingan, Pahanocoy, Punta Taytay, Singcang-Airport, Sum-ag, Taculing, Tangub and Vista Alegre shall comprise the second district.

SECTION 2. *The Sangguniang Panlungsod.* - The Sangguniang Panlungsod, the legislative body of the City, shall be composed of the city vice-mayor as presiding officer, the eight (8) regular Sangguniang Panlungsod members for each district who shall be residents thereof to be elected by the qualified voters therein, the president of the city chapter of the Liga ng mga Barangay, the president of the Panlungsod na Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan, and other sectoral representatives, as members.

SECTION 3. *Incumbent Representative and Sangguniang Panlungsod Members.* - The incumbent representative and Sangguniang Panlungsod members of the City of Bacolod shall continue to hold office until the new Representatives from the two (2) legislative districts and the eight (8) new Sangguniang Panlungsod members for each district of the City shall have been elected and qualified.

SECTION 4. *Rules and Regulations.* - The Commission on Elections shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

SECTION 5. *Repealing Clause.* - All laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

APPROVED,



HON. GREG G. GASATAYA
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