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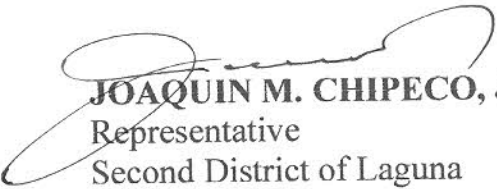
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Under the second sentence of the third paragraph of Section 5, Article VI, of the 1987 Philippine Constitution it is provided that "xxx Each city with a population of at least two hundred fifty thousand, or each province, shall have at least one representative."

The National Statistics Office (now PSA) has certified that as of August 1, 2015, the City of Calamba in the Province of Laguna has a total population of 454,486. Under the Constitution therefore Calamba City is legally entitled to have one representative of its own in Congress, unlike the present set-up where it shares one representation with the City of Cabuyao and the municipalities of Los Banos and Bay (collectively) as the Second District of Laguna.

It must be noted that Calamba's legal entitlement to its own representative is long overdue having ripened long before August 1, 2015 (when its population already reached 454,486). Considering also that Calamba City is a first class city in the Province of Laguna which serves, at the same time, as the seat of the Regional Government Center of the entire Calabarzon Region, the timeliness of this measure is rendered more evident.

In view thereof, the early approval of this bill is most earnestly sought.


JOAQUIN M. CHIPECO, JR.

Representative

Second District of Laguna

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HOUSE BILL NO. 990

Introduced by Honorable Joaquin M. Chipeco, Jr.

AN ACT
SEPARATING THE CITY OF CALAMBA FROM THE SECOND
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA TO
CONSTITUTE THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE
CITY OF CALAMBA

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

SECTION 1. *Lone Legislative District.* – The City of Calamba is hereby separated from the Second Legislative District of the Province of Laguna to constitute the Lone Legislative District of the City of Calamba, which shall commence in the next national election after the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 2. *Incumbent Representative.* – The incumbent Representative of the present Second Legislative District of the Province of Laguna shall continue to represent the said district until the expiration of his term of office.

SEC. 3. *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 at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,