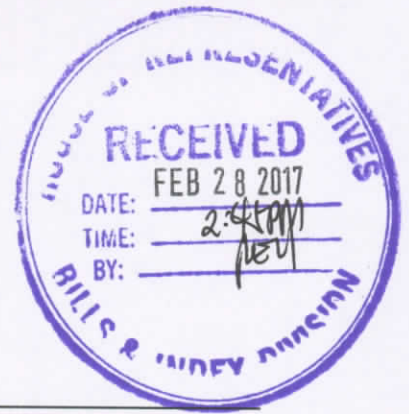


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 142

Submitted by the Committee on Local Government on FEB 28 2017
Re: House Bill No. **5162**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4678

Sponsor: Representative Pedro B. Acharon, Jr.

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Local Government to which was referred House Bill No. 4678 introduced by Representative Pedro B. Acharon, Jr. entitled:

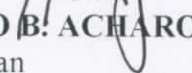
**“AN ACT
CREATING THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY
OF GENERAL SANTOS”**

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 5162 entitled:

**“AN ACT
SEPARATING THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS FROM THE FIRST
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO TO
CONSTITUTE THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF
GENERAL SANTOS**

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 4678 with Representative Pedro B. Acharon, Jr. as the author thereof.

Respectfully submitted:


PEDRO B. ACHARON, JR.
Chairman
Committee on Local Government

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HOUSE BILL No. 5162

INTRODUCED BY: REPRESENTATIVE PEDRO B. ACHARON, JR.

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

1 **SECTION 1. Lone Legislative District.** – The City of General Santos is hereby
2 separated from the First Legislative District of the Province of South Cotabato to
3 constitute the Lone Legislative District of the City of General Santos, which shall
4 commence in the next national and local elections after the effectivity of this Act.

5 **SEC. 2. Incumbent Representative.** – The incumbent Representative of the
6 present First Legislative District of the Province of South Cotabato shall continue to
7 represent the said district until the expiration of the term of office.

8 **SEC. 3. Rules and Regulations.** - The Commission on Elections shall issue the
9 necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act within thirty (30 days) after its
10 effectivity.

11 **SEC. 4. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, rules and regulations, which are
12 inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

13 **SEC. 5. Effectivity.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
14 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

15 *Approved,*

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. **5162**

(As approved by the Committee on February 14, 2017)

CREATING THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS

Introduced by: Rep. Pedro B. Acharon, Jr.

Committee Referral: Local Government

Committee Chairperson: Rep. Pedro B. Acharon, Jr.

OBJECTIVE:

- To ensure equitable representation for the inhabitants of the City of General Santos in the legislature and the national government by creating a new legislative District.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Separates the City of General Santos from the First Legislative District of the Province of South Cotabato to constitute the Lone Legislative District of the City of General Santos;
- Provides that the incumbent representative of the First Legislative District of the Province of South Cotabato shall continue to represent the said district until the new representative of the Lone District of General Santos City shall have been elected and qualified;

RELATED LAW:

- Article VI, Section 5 paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 of the Philippine Constitution.