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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 375
Submitted by the Committee on Local Government on 05 SEP 2017

Re: House Bill No. 6331

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2528

Sponsors: Representatives Pedro B. Acharon, Jr. and Roger G. Mercado

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Local Government to which was referred House Bill No. 2528 introduced by Representative Roger G. Mercado, entitled:


**“AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF
SOUTHERN LEYTE INTO TWO (2) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS”**

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 6331
entitled:

**“AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF
SOUTHERN LEYTE INTO TWO (2) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS”**

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 2528 with Representative Roger G. Mercado as the author thereof.

Respectfully submitted:


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

**THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL No. 6331

Introduced by: REPRESENTATIVE ROGER G. MERCADO

AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF
SOUTHERN LEYTE INTO TWO (2) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

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

1 **SECTION 1.** On the next national and local elections after the effectivity of this
2 Act, the Province of Southern Leyte is hereby reapportioned into two (2) legislative
3 districts, as follows:

4 **a. First Legislative District** – The First Legislative District shall be composed
5 of the City of Maasin and the municipalities of Macrohon, Padre Burgos,
6 Limasawa, Malitbog, Sogod, Tomas Oppus and Bontoc; and

7 **b. Second Legislative District** – The Second Legislative District shall be
8 composed of the municipalities of Liloan, San Francisco, Pintuyan, San
9 Ricardo, Saint Bernard, Anahawan, San Juan, Hinundayan, Hinunangan and
10 Silago.

1 **SEC. 2.** The incumbent Representative of the Lone Legislative District of the
2 Province of Southern Leyte shall continue to represent the legislative district until the
3 new representatives of the First and Second Legislative Districts shall have been elected
4 and qualified.

5 **SEC. 3.** The Commission on Elections shall issue the necessary rules and
6 regulations to implement this Act.

7 **SEC. 4.** All laws, rules and regulations, which are inconsistent with this Act, are
8 hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.
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10 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
11 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

12 *Approved,*

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FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 2528

(As approved by the Committee on May 23, 2017)

**PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN
LEYTE INTO TWO (2) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS**

Introduced by: Rep. Roger G. Mercado

Committee Referral: Local Government

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

OBJECTIVE:

- To ensure equitable representation for the inhabitants of the Province of Southern Leyte in the legislature and the national government by creating a new legislative District.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Reapportions the Province of Southern Leyte into two (2) legislative districts;
- Provides that the incumbent representative of the Lone Legislative District of the Province of Southern Leyte shall continue to represent the legislative district until the new representative of the First and Second Legislative Districts shall have been elected and qualified;
- Provides that the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement this Act.

RELATED LAW:

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