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House Bill No. 093

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution mandates that each city with a population of at least two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) shall have at least one representative in the House of Representatives. Cotabato City having a population of 299,438 per the 2015 census is one such city which until now has no separate representative in Congress. Although it has already exceeded the 250,000 margin, Cotabato City does not have its own representative and continues to be included in the first legislative district of Maguindanao along with the municipalities of Barira, Buldon, Datu Blah T. Sinsuat, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Kabuntalan, Matanog, Northern Kabuntalan, Parang, Sultan Kudarat, Sultan Mastura, and Upi.

After the separation of Cotabato City from the legislative district of Maguindanao, the latter would still have the municipalities of Barira, Buldon, Datu Blah T. Sinsuat, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Kabuntalan, Matanog, Northern Kabuntalan, Parang, Sultan Kudarat, Sultan Mastura, and Upi with a total population of 460,408.

To implement the mandate of the Constitution, immediate approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.



BAI SANDRA SINSUAT A. SEMA, MNSA

Representative

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AN ACT SEPARATING COTABATO CITY FROM THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO TO CONSTITUTE THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF COTABATO CITY

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

SECTION 1. *Lone Legislative District.*- Cotabato City is hereby separated from the First Legislative District of the Province of Maguindanao to constitute the Lone Legislative District of Cotabato City.

SECTION 2. *Incumbent Representative.* -The incumbent Representative of the First Legislative District of the Province of Maguindanao shall continue to represent the said district until the new Representative of the Lone District of Cotabato City shall have been elected and qualified in the next regular congressional elections.

SECTION 3. *Rules and Regulations.*- The Commission on Elections shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.*- All laws, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity.*- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,