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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

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House Bill No. 4692



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Introduced by REP. RODOLFO T. ALBANO III, REP. ANA CRISTINA S. GO, REP. NAPOLEON S. DY, REP. MA. LOURDES AGGABAO, REP. JOSE T. PANGANIBAN, JR., and REP. ARNEL U. TY

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Article VI, Section 5, paragraphs 3 and 4 of the 1987 Constitution provides that:

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(3) 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.

(4) Within three years following the return of every census, the Congress shall make a reapportionment of legislative districts based on the standards provided in this section.

The province of Isabela is the second largest province in the Philippines in terms of land area. It is politically subdivided into three (3) cities and thirty four (34) municipalities. A first class province, Isabela is a major contributor to the country's economic growth and development, being the number one producer of corn and the number two producer of rice in the Philippines.

Based on the latest 2015 census conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority, the Province of Isabela has a total population of 1,593,566 including the highly urbanized city of Santiago with a population of 134,830. Henceforth, considering the total number of population based on the latest census, it shows that each district representatives are serving an average of 318,000 constituents. The disproportionate number of constituents for each District Representative hampers the ability to reach out and provide adequate representation in Congress and in the national government for effective and efficient government services to the people of Isabela.

To further bolster its potentials, the people of the Province of Isabela must be given equal opportunity to participate in the national legislative affairs through their district representatives, the number of which must be based on the above mentioned provision in the Philippine Constitution. Thus, the reapportionment of the four districts is deemed necessary and fitting to meet the socio-

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economic and political demands of the province as Isabela continues to grow in terms of economic development, human capital and the increasing trend of population.

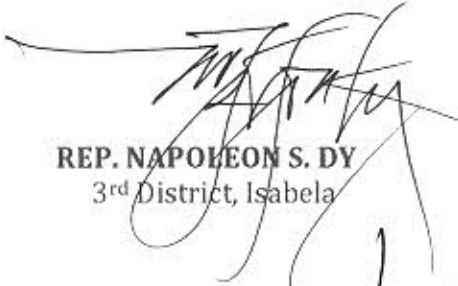
In view of the foregoing, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.



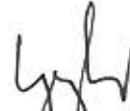
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AN ACT  
REAPPORTIONING THE CURRENT FOUR (4) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE  
PROVINCE OF ISABELA TO SIX (6) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

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

**SECTION 1. Reapportionment of the Four (4) Legislative Districts of the Province of Isabela.** – The Province of Isabela shall have six (6) legislative districts to commence in the next elections after the effectivity of this Act.

**SECTION 2. Composition of new Districts** – The six (6) legislative districts shall be composed of the following:

**District I:**

1. Cabagan
2. Delfin Albano
3. Divilacan
4. Maconacon
5. Palanan
6. Tumauni
7. San Pablo
8. Santa Maria
9. Santo Tomas

**District II:**

1. Benito Soliven
2. Ilagan City
3. Naguillian
4. Reina Mercedes
5. San Mariano

**District III:**

1. Alicia
2. Cabatuan
3. Cauayan City
4. Luna

**District IV:**

1. Cordon
2. Jones
3. Santiago City
4. San Agustin

**District V:**

1. Aurora
2. Burgos
3. Gamu
4. Mallig
5. Quezon
6. Quirino
7. Roxas
8. San Manuel

**District VI:**

1. Angadanan
2. Echague
3. Dinapigue
4. Ramon
5. San Guillermo
6. San Mateo
7. San Isidro

**SECTION 3. *Election of Representative*** – The election of Representatives of the reapportioned districts of the Province of Isabela under this Act shall take place during the next elections after the affectivity of this Act and every national and local elections thereafter.

**SECTION 4. *Sangguniang Panlalawigan*** – In accordance with the reapportionment mandated by this Act, there shall be elected three (3) Sangguniang Panlalawigan members in each district in the next elections and every national and local elections thereafter.

**SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulations*** – The Commission on Elections shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

**SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause*** – All laws, decrees, rules and regulations and other issuances or part thereof which are inconsistent with the provision of this Act are hereby amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 7. *Effectivity*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any two newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines, whichever comes earlier.

Approved.