COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1121

Submitted by the Committee on Local Government on August 16, 2021
Re: House Bill No. 9970

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5774
Sponsors: Representatives Noel L. Villanueva, and Shirlyn Bañas-Nograles

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Local Government to which was referred House Bill No. 5774 introduced by Representative Shirlyn Bañas-Nograles, entitled:

“AN ACT
SEPARATING THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS FROM THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF SOUTH COTABATO TO CONSTITUTE THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF GENERAL SANTOS CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11243, ENTITLED, “AN ACT REAPPORPTIONING THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO THEREBY CREATING THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF GENERAL SANTOS CITY”

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 9970 entitled:

“AN ACT
DESIGNATING THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS AS A LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11243, ENTITLED "AN ACT REAPPORPTIONING THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO THEREBY CREATING THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF GENERAL SANTOS CITY"

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 5774 and with Representative Shirlyn Bañas-Nograles as the author thereof.
Respectfully submitted:

[Signature]

NOEL L. VILLANUEVA
Chairperson
Committee on Local Government

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 9970

Introduced by Representative Shirlyn L. Bañas-Nograles

AN ACT
DESIGNATING THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS AS A LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11243, ENTITLED "AN ACT REAPPORTIONING THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO THEREBY CREATING THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF GENERAL SANTOS CITY"

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 11243 is amended to read as follows:

“SECTION 1. [Reapportioning of the First] LONE Legislative District OF THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS. - [The First Legislative District of the Province of South Cotabato is hereby reapportioned in order to create the Lone Legislative District of General Santos City to commence in the next national and local elections after the effectivity of this Act.]

THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS IS SEPARATED FROM THE FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO TO CONSTITUTE THE LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GENERAL
SANTOS WHICH SHALL COMMENCE IN THE 2022 NATIONAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS. The Legislative Districts of the Province shall now be composed of the following:

(a) First Legislative District:
   (1) Polomolok
   (2) Tampakan
   (3) Tupi

(b) Second Legislative District:
   (1) Koronadal City
   (2) Banga
   (3) Lake Sebu
   (4) Norala
   (5) Sto. Niño
   (6) Surallah
   (7) Tantangan
   (8) TBoli

(c) [Third Legislative District] LONE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT:
   (1) General Santos City.”

SEC. 2. Section 2 of the same Act is amended to read as follows:

“SEC 2. [Holdover] INCUMBENT REPRESENTATIVE - The incumbent Representative[s] of the [present] First [and Second] Legislative District[s] of the Province of South Cotabato shall continue to represent the [districts] CITY OF
GENERAL SANTOS until the [new Representatives shall have been elected and qualified] EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF OFFICE.”

SEC. 3. Within thirty (30) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Commission on Elections shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,