

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8553

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 41(B) OF REPUBLIC ACT NO.
7160, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CODE OF 1991

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

SECTION 1. Section 41(b) of Republic Act No. 7160,
otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, is hereby
amended to read as follows:

"(b) The regular members of the sangguniang
panlalawigan, sangguniang panlungsod, and sangguniang bayan
shall be elected by district as follows:

"First and second-class provinces shall have ten (10) regular
members; third and fourth-class provinces, eight (8); and fifth
and sixth-class provinces, six (6): *Provided*, That in provinces
having more than five (5) legislative districts, each district shall
have two (2) sangguniang panlalawigan members, without
prejudice to the provisions of Section 2 of Republic Act No. 6637.
Sangguniang barangay members shall be elected at large. The
presidents of the leagues of sanggunian members of component
cities and municipalities shall serve as *ex officio* members of the
sangguniang panlalawigan concerned. The presidents of the liga
ng mga barangay and the pederasyon ng mga sangguniang
kabataan elected by their respective chapters, as provided in this
Code, shall serve as *ex officio* members of the sangguniang
panlalawigan, sangguniang panlungsod, and sangguniang bayan."

SEC. 2. Upon the petition of the provincial board, the
election for any additional regular member to the sangguniang
panlalawigan as provided for under this Act, shall be held not

earlier than six (6) months after the May 11, 1998 national and local elections.

SEC. 3. The Commission on Elections shall issue appropriate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. All laws, acts, decrees, executive orders, administrative regulations, or part or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon publication in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved, February 25, 1998.