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HOUSE BILL NO. 3126



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE JOSE "PINGPING" I. TEJADA

EXPLANATORY NOTE


This bill which seeks to establish a National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) District Office in the Province of Cotabato was filed in the 17th Congress as House Bill 2106 by the undersigned Jose "Pingping" I. Tejada.

The Province of Cotabato lies on the eastern part of Region XII and is strategically located in the central part of Mindanao. The province is composed of seventeen (17) Municipalities and one (1) component city and is home to 1,228,282 residents. In order to cater the need of a growing population, the congruity of subsidiary authority of national executive offices in the local level is most desired. Accessible government service through subsidiary authority is a principled tendency to recognize the role of participatory processes and contributory growth of the province to the state, and to increase accountability to the locality.

One of the many important government services that are often sought in the province is that of the NBI as determined by demographics, whether for the issuance of clearances as requirement for employment opportunities or seeking assistance for the determination/investigation of matters within its mandate. At present the Bureau only maintains two (2) offices in Region XII – the Central Mindanao Regional Office in Koronadal City and the Sarangani District Office in Alabel, Sarangani Province – thus depriving the people of the Province of Cotabato of its efficient and responsive service. And where government service is not efficient and responsive, subsidiarity contemplates an effective intervention to solve local concerns.

In consideration of this, the establishment of an NBI District Office in the Province of Cotabato is imperative.

Hence the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (NBI) DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF COTABATO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **Section 1.** *Establishment* - There shall be established a National Bureau of
2 Investigation District Office in the Province of Cotabato to be known as the National
3 Bureau of Investigation Province of Cotabato District Office to be located at the
4 Provincial Capitol, Amas, Kidapawan City.

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6 **Section 2.** *Rules and Regulations* - The Director of the National Bureau of
7 Investigation shall issue rules and regulations as may be necessary for the effective
8 implementation of this Act.

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10 **Section 3.** *Appropriations* - The Director of the National Bureau of Investigation
11 shall immediately include in the programs of the Bureau the operationalization of
12 the NBI Province of Cotabato District Office, the initial funding of which shall be
13 charged against the current year's appropriations of the NBI. Thereafter, the amount
14 necessary for the continued operation of the said District Office shall be included in
15 the annual General Appropriations Act.

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17 **Section 4.** *Effectivity* - This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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19 Approved.