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5th District, Batangas

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Batangas City is presently served by one (1) District Engineering Office of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) that is serving two (2) legislative districts, the 2nd District and the 5th District of the Province of Batangas.

With the approval of Republic Act No. 10673 reapportioning the Province of Batangas into six (6) legislative districts, Batangas City was separated from the 2nd District of Batangas to constitute the 5th District of Batangas. Only one (1) District Engineering Office, however, continued to simultaneously serve these two (2) legislative districts.

The inadequacy of one (1) District Engineering Office serving two (2) legislative districts is undeniable. Batangas City is one of the most populous local government units in the province. It has a population of over 318,000. The 2nd District Engineering Office is currently serving both the needs of the 2nd and 5th Districts and is clearly understaffed. This causes undue delays in the implementation of infrastructure programs and projects that is apparently disadvantageous to both districts.

Therefore, to be more effective and efficient in the planning, design, construction, supervision and maintenance of existing infrastructures and future infrastructure projects, there is a need to create a separate engineering district for the 5th district of Batangas.

In view of the foregoing, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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AN ACT CREATING SEPARATE ENGINEERING DISTRICT IN
THE CITY OF BATANGAS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding,
there is hereby created a separate district engineering office of the
Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) in the City of
Batangas.

SECTION 2. The Fifth (5th) District of the Province of Batangas shall
have one district engineering office, to be located separately from the
jurisdiction of the Second (2nd) Legislative District of the Province of
Batangas.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and
Highways (DPWH) shall immediately include the Department’s program
the operationalization of the separate district engineering office in the City
of Batangas, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the
current year’s appropriations of the Second (2nd) District Engineering
Office. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the
said district engineering office shall be included in the General
Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.