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House Bill No. _____

Introduced by **Rep. Roberto C. Cajés**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Bohol Second Engineering Office into a regular engineering district to be known as the Bohol Second District Engineering Office in the Province of Bohol considering that the House of Representatives have already approved this proposed measure during the Twelfth Congress.

The Second Engineering District shall comprise the municipalities of Pres. Garcia, Ubay, Bien Unido, Trinidad, Talibon, Getafe, Buenavista, Inabanga, Clarin, Sagbayan, San Isidro, Dagohoy, Danao and San Miguel, all in the second congressional district of Bohol. Presently, these towns constitute of about one third of Bohol's area and are under the Bohol Second District Engineering Office.

The district office shall be located in the municipality of Ubay, province of Bohol which is presently the site of the Bohol Second District Engineering Office urged to be converted into a full-pledged engineering district.

To date, there are only two engineering districts in Bohol due to the fact that it has 47 municipalities and one component city, Tagbilaran City, with 1,117 barangays. The province has a total area of 411,726 hectares and is classified as first class province.

The Bohol Second District Engineering Office has a staff of 61 personnel, including its OIC District Engineer and OIC Assistant District Engineer from Bohol 1st Engineering District in Tagbilaran City and the Bohol 3rd Engineering District in Guindulman, Bohol.

The redeployment of personnel therein shall be continued with proper upgrading of the positions/salaries of the personnel of the Bohol 2nd Engineering District. Thus, there would be no need of creating new positions except that of the District Engineer, Assistant District Engineer, Administrative Officer and Personnel Officer whose salaries could be charged to the items for the present positions being redeployed from the two engineering districts which, however, must have to be upgraded to the level of the salary grades/positions proposed in the plantilla of the personnel therein and in accordance with the classification of the new engineering district. Therefore, the amount to be appropriated would be considerably

minimal since the redeployment of personnel can draw their salaries from their present positions plus the upgrading of their positions/salaries as may be necessary.

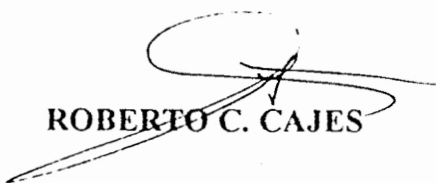
The conversion of the Bohol Second District Engineering Office into a regular engineering district will result to more closely supervised and effective implementation of the infrastructure program of the Department of Public Works and Highways and other agencies concerned which depend on DPWH to implement their infrastructure projects.

It will also hasten the pace of the improvement of the various infrastructure projects in the second congressional district of Bohol, which has 14 municipalities with 346 barangays, 54 of which are island barangays with 23 in the island town of Pres. Carlos P. Garcia.

Moreover, the Bohol Second Engineering District can expedite the improvement of the capital resources of the province and its economic development particularly in the second district of Bohol which is the gateway to Cebu, Leyte, Southern Leyte, and Northeastern Mindanao through Surigao City and possibly Butuan City.

Finally, the Second Engineering District Office can generate more employment in at least within its jurisdiction in the province, which has a growing population of more than a million.

In light of the foregoing, the urgent approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE BOHOL SECOND DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN
THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL TO BE LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
UBAY, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways, a second engineering district to be located in the Municipality of Ubay, Bohol, to be known as the Bohol Second District Engineering Office.

SECTION 2. The said engineering district shall comprise the municipalities of Pres. Garcia, Ubay, Bien Unido, Trinidad, Talibon, Getafe, Buenavista, Inabanga, Clarin, Sagbayan, San Isidro, Dagohoy, Danao, and San Miguel, all in the Second District of Bohol.

SECTION 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the Generals Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

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

Approved,