

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. **1439**

Introduced by Rep. Federico S. Sandoval II

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The bill seeks to statutorily establish a Malabon-Navotas Engineering District Office, covering the City of Malabon and the Municipality of Navotas heretofore under the Third Metro Manila Engineering District (3rd Metro).

The 3rd Metro had heretofore covered Malabon and Navotas, as well as the Cities of Caloocan and Valenzuela in Northern Metro Manila. On 6 September 2001, with the conversion of Malabon into a highly urbanized city, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), through the Honorable Secretary Simeon A. Datumanong, issued Department Order No. 169 series of 2001, creating a "DPWH Sub-District Engineering Office in the Lone Congressional District of Malabon City-Navotas."

Malabon City occupies 15.714 square kilometers of land, has 116.877 kms. of existing national and city roads, and, as of May 2000, has a total population of 338,855. In addition, it has a total of 729 linear meters (LM) of drainage mains, 40,015 LM of drainage laterals, and 35,012 LM of dikes. Malabon also has sixteen (16) relief pumping stations (RPS) comprised of twenty-seven units, twenty (20) units of tide control gate structures (TCGS), and eighty-four units of *prinzas*.

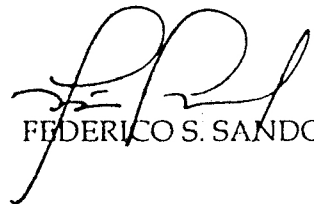
Navotas, on the other hand, encompasses a total land area of 10.77 square kilometers, with 50.992 kms. of national and local roads, and, as of December 2000, it has a total population of 230,403. The length of its drainage mains total 1,600 LM. It has 20,052 LM of drainage laterals, and 9,229 LM of dikes. Navotas also has two (2) units of RPSs with three (3) units, two (2) TCGSs, and thirty-two *prinzas*.

Between the two (2) local government units comprising the district, the proposed engineering district will cover all of 26.484 square kilometers of land with an approximate total population of 569,258. It will have charge over at least 167.869 kms. of national and local roads, 47,699 LM of rivers, creeks, *esteros*, and canals, 2,329 LM of drainage main, 60,067 LM of drainage laterals, 44,241 LM of dikes, eighteen (18) RPSs composed of thirty (30) different units, twenty-two TCGSs, 116 *prinzas*, and the imposing prospect of finally solving the flooding problem of Malabon and Navotas.

The peculiar needs of Malabon and Navotas, considering the perennial flooding brought about by the district's geographical features, require the

attention of a separate office. No less than the DPWH has deemed it necessary to establish an engineering sub-district to cover Malabon and Navotas. While such an office has already been created by executive fiat, one that is statutorily established will ensure the stability of the office both from an operational, as well as fiscal point of view. Such a separate engineering district will also be a crucial factor towards the development of the district, providing for a focused program for the provision of necessary public infrastructures, which would hopefully bring about a more vibrant business and economic climate, as well as more employment for the people of Malabon and Navotas.

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



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE ENGINEERING DISTRICT FOR THE CITY OF
MALABON AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF NAVOTAS IN METRO MANILA,
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, an engineering district covering the City of Malabon and the Municipality of Navotas in Metro Manila, to be known as the Malabon-Navotas Engineering District.

SECTION 2. The property and personnel allocated for the DPWH Sub-District Engineering Office in the Lone Congressional District of Malabon City-Navotas [pursuant to Department Order (DO) No. 169, Series of 2001] shall be assumed by the engineering district created under this Act; while the amount allocated for the former office shall continue to be utilized up to the end of the fiscal year in which this Act is enacted. Thereafter, the amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect immediately.

Approved,