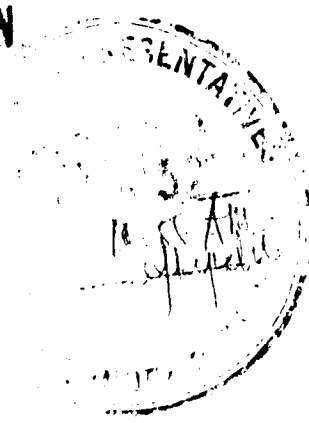


COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 2162



Introduced by Honorable Elias C. Bulut, Jr.

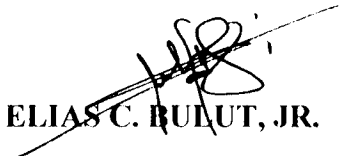
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the establishment of a Provincial Public Information Office under the supervision of the Office of the Press Secretary, to be located in the Municipality of Kabugao of said province.

Almost 10 years after the conversion of Apayao into a province by virtue of Republic Act 7878 enacted into law in February 1995, a public information office is just but among the important and crucial offices that are absent in the province. The need for the establishment of said office cannot be overemphasized.

It should be noted that said office will serve as a medium for two-way information: for the government to communicate with the people regarding government programs, and for the people to vigorously express their opinions, views, issues and sentiments on the government policies and programs as a matter of gathering input for the betterment of the same to fit the needs of the people. Lastly, the public information office will also serve the ultimate purpose of promoting the province of Apayao most especially the potential investment areas therein as a matter of hastening the development of the young province.

Consistent with the constitutional mandate that the state recognizes the vital role of communication and information in nation-building and the people's right to information on matters of public concern, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


ELIAS C. BULUT, JR.

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 2109

Introduced by Honorable Elias C. Bulut, Jr.

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A PROVINCIAL PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF KABUGAO, PROVINCE OF APAYAO AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Office of the Press Secretary, a Provincial Public Information Office to be located in the Municipality of Kabugao of said province:

SECTION 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations of the Office of the Press Secretary under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the operation, maintenance of the Provincial Public Information Office shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. The Office of the Press Secretary shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

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

APPROVED,