

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS

First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 2399



Introduced by: Honorable Abdullah D. Dimaporo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to repeal Republic Act No. 9035 entitled, "An Act Constituting the Inland, Interior and Remotely-Situated Municipalities of the Province of Lanao del Norte Into A Separate Highway Engineering District and Providing Funds Therefor."

The Provincial Government of Lanao del Norte is vigorously opposing the division of Lanao del Norte Department of Public Works and Highways Engineering District into two engineering districts.

As reflected in Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution 044-2001, the division is impractical considering that the Province of Lanao del Norte is a small province. It further stressed that the Provincial Government is currently working on peaceful integration of the diverse culture of the province to attain sustainable peace and development – thus, the division of the Engineering District may hinder the implementation of said program.

Records show that the existing organization of the Lanao del Norte Highway Engineering District is successfully serving the effective and speedy implementation of various infrastructure projects in the province. The creation of a Second Engineering District is futile because it will just be a burden on the Provincial Government in terms of consultation and coordination in the planning and implementation of infrastructure projects. It will, likewise, entail additional expenses as the government will provide additional appropriations for the maintenance of two offices as new set of officials and employees will be hired.

The division of Lanao del Norte Department of Public Works & Highways Engineering District was not subjected to proper consultation with the officials and the people of Lanao del Norte. This procedure runs counter or in violation of the policy enunciated in Sec. 2© of R.A. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, which provides "It is likewise the policy of the State to require all national agencies and offices to conduct periodic consultations with appropriate local government units, non-governmental and people's organizations, and other concerned sectors of the community before any project or program is implemented in their respective jurisdiction."

In view of the foregoing, it is proposed that R.A. 9035 should be stricken out from our statute books. Hence, this bill, approval of which is earnestly sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abdullah D. Dimaporo', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

ABDULLAH D. DIMAPORO

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REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NUMBERED NINETY HUNDRED AND
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INTERIOR AND REMOTELY-SITUATED MUNICIPALITIES OF THE
PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE INTO A SEPARATE HIGHWAY
ENGINEERING DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR.”

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

SECTION 1. Republic Act numbered Ninety Hundred and thirty Five entitled, “An Act Constituting The Inland, Interior and Remotely Situated Municipalities Of the Province Of Lanao del Norte Into A Separate Highway Engineering District And Providing Funds Therefor,” is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect immediately upon approval.

Approved,