

Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 629



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE KIMI S. COJUANGCO

Explanatory Note

This proposed measure was filed during the Fifteenth Congress as House Bill No. 3643. It was approved on third and final reading by the House on September 20, 2012 as well as by the Senate Committee on Public Works before Congress adjourns on February 8, 2013.

This bill seeks to create and establish a fourth district engineering office in the Province of Pangasinan with permanent station in Urdaneta City. This office will encompass the municipalities of Alcala, Bautista, Binalonan, Laoac, Pozorrubio, Sison, Sto. Tomas, Villasis and the city of Urdaneta.

At present, the 3rd Pangasinan District Engineering Office, located in Barangay Tumana, Rosales, Pangasinan, caters to the infrastructure needs of the Fifth Congressional District of Pangasinan. However, the same district engineering office also serves the needs of the Sixth Congressional District of Pangasinan which is composed of ten municipalities, namely, the towns of Rosales, Asingan, Balungao, Sta. Maria, Umingan, San Quintin, Natividad, Tayug, San Nicolas, and San Manuel.

Experience has shown that due to the relative size, growing population and the rapid pace of development and progress in both congressional districts, maintaining a single district engineering office for both districts has become untenable. The bulk of work involved in the planning, design, construction, supervision, and maintenance of infrastructures and other public works within its jurisdiction are so enormous, so much so that the district engineering office is having difficulty in the efficient discharge of its mandate due to limitations in manpower and equipment. This has caused delay in the

implementation of much needed public works programs and projects, which has led to the great detriment of the interest of the public.

Thus, the establishment of a separate district engineering office in the Fifth Congressional District of Pangasinan is deemed to be the appropriate solution to this predicament. The measure will also be beneficial to the Sixth District of Pangasinan since the existing 3rd Pangasinan Engineering District will now concentrate and focus its resources and time in keeping with the infrastructure needs of the congressional district.

With the foregoing considered, the immediate consideration and passage of this proposed bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE PANGASINAN FOURTH DISTRICT ENGINEERING
OFFICE IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN WITH PERMANENT
STATION IN URDANETA CITY 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 Department of Public Works and Highways, a fourth district engineering office in the Province of Pangasinan with permanent station in Urdaneta City to be known as the Pangasinan Fourth District Engineering Office.

SEC. 2. The said district engineering office shall be located in the Fifth Congressional District of Pangasinan and shall comprise the municipalities of Alcala, Bautista, Binalonan, Laoac, Pozorrubio, Sison, Sto. Tomas, Villasis and the city of Urdaneta.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Pangasinan Fifth District Engineering Office, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,