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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1719



Introduced by Honorable Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to convert the Bohol 2nd Sub-District Engineering Office into a regular engineering district to be known as the Bohol 2nd District Engineering Office in the Province of Bohol. It has been approved by the House of Representatives during the Fifteenth Congress and in the previous congresses.

The 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, the towns, constitute about the one-third of Bohol's area, under the Bohol 2nd Sub-District Engineering Office.

The proposed engineering district will maintain 209.931 kilometers of national roads and 1,525.40 linear meter of bridges.

The district office shall be located in the municipality of Ubay, province of Bohol which is presently the site of the Bohol 2nd Sub-District Engineering Office urged to be converted into a full fledged engineering district.

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

The Bohol 2nd Sub-District Engineering Office has a staff of 94 personnel, including its district engineer and assistant district engineer and some personnel redeployed from the Bohol 1st District Engineering Office in Tagbilaran City and the 3rd District Engineering Office in Guindulman, Bohol.

The redeployment of personnel therein shall be continued with proper upgrading of the position/salaries of the personnel of the Bohol 2nd District Engineering Office. 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 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 redeployed personnel can draw their salaries from their present positions plus the upgrading of their position/salaries as may be necessary.

The conversion of the Bohol 2nd Sub-District Engineering Office into a regular engineering district will result to a 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 improvement of the various infrastructure projects in the second congressional district of Bohol which has 14 municipalities with 347 barangays, 54 of which are island barangays with 23 in the island town of Pres. Garcia. Consequently, a regular engineering district can bring the government closer to the people in the hinterland barangays and the island barangays.

Moreover, the Bohol 2nd District Engineering Office 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 all points of Mindanao, and now to Manila through the Port of Ubay, a component of the Strong Republic Nautical Highway.

Finally, the 2nd Engineering District can generate more employment in at least within its jurisdiction in the province which has a growing population of about 1.3 million as of the 2007 census per National Statistics Office report.

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



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

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Be it enacted by the Senate and the 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 second engineering office to be located in the Municipality of Ubay, Province of Bohol to be known as the Bohol Second District Engineering Office.

Section 2. The said district engineering office shall comprise the municipalities of President 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.

Section 3. Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Bohol Second District Engineering Office, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Bohol Second Subdistrict Office. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the said district engineering office shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,