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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2229



Introduced By Honorable **BAI SANDRA SINSUAT A. SEMA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to strengthen the engineering office of the Department of Public Works and Highways in Cotabato City.

The First Legislative District of Maguindanao and Cotabato City consists of (a) the eleven municipalities of Maguindanao province and (b) Cotabato City. Congress through Republic Act No. 9054 transferred and devolved the administrative and fiscal management of public works and funds for public works to the Autonomous Regional Government as far as the eleven municipalities are concerned, namely: Barira, Buldon, Datu Blah Sinsuat, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Kabuntalan, Matanog, Northern Kabuntalan, Parang, Sultan Kudarat, Sultan Mastura, and Upi with a total population of 562,886. Cotabato City with a population of 259,153 remains to be under the jurisdiction of sub-district engineering office created through a DPWH Department Order in 2001. It is proper that this sub-engineering office be now converted into a regular district engineering office, hence this Bill.

Immediate approval hereof is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT UPGRADING THE COTABATO SUB-DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE INTO A REGULAR DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE TO BE KNOWN AS THE COTABATO CITY DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. The Cotabato Sub-District Engineering Office is hereby upgraded into Regular district engineering office to be known as the Cotabato City District Engineering Office.

SECTION 2. The said district engineering office shall comprise all the barangays in Cotabato City and shall assume jurisdiction over all infrastructure and public works in Cotabato City.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Cotabato City District Engineering Office, the initial funding of which shall be charged against in the current year's appropriations of the Cotabato Subdistrict Engineering 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 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,