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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3635



Introduced by **HON. RENE L. RELAMPAGOS**
First District, Bohol

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This legislative proposal seeks to redefine the geographical jurisdiction of the First Public Works District or the Bohol First District Engineering Office (Bohol 1st DEO).

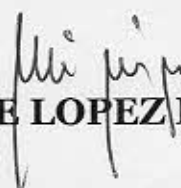
Bohol 1st DEO was created by virtue of Republic Act No. 6339 passed on June 19, 1971. It is comprised of nine (9) municipalities and one city. Despite the reapportionment of legislative districts in 1987, however, the law creating the Bohol 1st DEO was not changed to reflect the five (5) municipalities added to the first district.

In addition, this bill seeks to add the Municipality of San Isidro as part of Bohol 1st DEO. Currently, San Isidro is identified as part of Bohol 2nd DEO together with thirteen (13) other municipalities by virtue of Department¹ Orders No. 31, s. 1997 and No. 25, s. 2013.

The reason for the inclusion of the Municipality of San Isidro to the Bohol 1st DEO is the fact that San Isidro is geographically well-within the bounds, and surrounded by the municipalities, of the first district of Bohol. Hence, the issue of administrative and operational efficiency in view of the proximity of San Isidro to Bohol 1st DEO located at Tagbilaran City as compared to the more or less 90 kilometers distance from Bohol 2nd DEO in Ubay making maintenance of roads difficult in the said municipality.

The modification of the territorial jurisdiction of the Bohol First District Engineering Office, through the amendment of Republic Act No. 6339, therefore, will serve the following objectives: (1) to properly reflect the current geographical situation in the district; (2) to ensure administrative and operational efficiency; and (3) to expedite and guarantee better coordination and efficient delivery of maintenance services to roads and other infrastructures in the province.

For the above considerations, the passage of this law is earnestly sought.


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**“AN ACT
DEFINING THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE FIRST PUBLIC
WORKS DISTRICT IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6339”**

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 6339 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. The First Public Works District (BOHOL FIRST DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE) in the Province of Bohol shall comprise THE CITY OF TAGBILARAN AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ALBURQUERQUE, ANTEQUERA, BACLAYON, BALILIHAN, CALAPE, CATIGBIAN, CORELLA, CORTES, DAUIS, LOON, MARIBOJOC, PANGLAO, SIKATUNA, TUBIGON AND SAN ISIDRO with principal station at the CITY OF TAGBILARAN OR SUCH PLACE AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS WITH DUE REGARD TO ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL CONVENIENCE AND EFFICIENCY.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,