

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5079

Introduced by **Hon. Frederick F. Abueg**



EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed measure seeks to create a separate Fourth Engineering District in the Province of Palawan to cover the road network in the West Coast of Palawan from Napsan of Puerto Princesa City passing through the municipalities of Aborlan, Quezon, and with an end point in the municipality of Rizal, circumferential road backdoor connecting circumferential road going to the municipality of Rizal and Bataraza. The Fourth Engineering District shall be stationed at the municipality of Quezon.

At present, there are three (3) Engineering District Offices in Palawan. The First Engineering District Office is stationed at Roxas, Palawan; the Second Engineering District Office is stationed at Narra, Palawan and the Third Engineering District Office is stationed at Puerto Princesa City.

Among these Engineering District Offices, the Second Engineering District Office caters to the infrastructure needs of the municipalities of Narra, Quezon, Sofronio Española, Brooke's Point, Bataraza, Rizal, and Balabac as well as the road network in the West Coast of Palawan.

For the reason due to the relative size of the currently covered areas and the bulk of work for planning, design and construction of infrastructure projects, the

Second Engineering District Office experiences adverse effects with its administration, supervision and maintenance of public works within the area of its jurisdiction.

In order to ensure a more efficient and effective management of infrastructure and public works services, the creation of a separate Fourth Engineering District in the Province of Palawan is highly essential for the continued development of the province and to serve better the Palawefio people.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly requested.



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE FOURTH DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN
THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN TO BE LOCATED IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** There shall be established, under the supervision of the
2 Department of Public Works and Highways, a Fourth District Engineering office in
3 the province of Palawan, to be located in the Municipality of Quezon, to be known as
4 the Palawan Fourth District Engineering Office.

5 **SECTION 2.** The said district engineering office shall comprise the
6 municipalities of Aborlan, Quezon and Rizal, to cover the road network in the West
7 Coast of Palawan from Napsan of Puerto Princesa City passing through the
8 municipalities of Aborlan, Quezon, and with an end point in the municipality of Rizal,
9 circumferential road backdoor connecting circumferential road going to the
10 municipality of Rizal and Bataraza.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the
12 Department's program the operationalization of the Palawan Fourth District
13 Engineering Office, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
14 Appropriations Act.

15 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

16 Approved,