

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. _____



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Introduced by HONORABLE CELSO L. LOBREGAT

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to establish a separate District Engineering Office under the Department of Public Works and Highways in the City of Zamboanga for the First Congressional District to be based in Barangay Calarian, Zamboanga City.

District Engineering Offices or DEOs of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) are tasked to develop our country's infrastructure nationwide. They are the forefronts in executing infrastructure improvements as they are located in legislative districts throughout the country.

Zamboanga City has a population of Eight Hundred Sixty One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Nine (861,799) making it the 6th largest city in the country in terms of population, based on the 2015 data from the Philippine Statistics Authority. In terms of land area, Zamboanga City is the 3rd largest city in the country with a total land area of 1,483.38 square kilometers. These population and land area of Zamboanga City far exceeds the minimum requirement of 250,000 population and 100 sq. kilometers land area for the creation of District Engineering Offices.

At present, the District Engineering Office located in Barangay Divisoria Zamboanga City, caters to the infrastructure needs of the entire City. Considering the rapid pace of development and given the land area of Zamboanga City, maintaining a single district engineering office is no longer efficient and effective. Thus, in order to ensure a more efficient and effective management and maintenance of infrastructure and public works services, the creation of a new and separate District Engineering Office in Zamboanga City is indispensable for the continued development of the City.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
CREATING A SEPARATE DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS IN THE FIRST
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF ZAMBOANGA CITY AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. A separate District Engineering office (DEO) of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) is hereby created in the First Legislative District of Zamboanga City.

SECTION 2. The District Engineering Office created under this Act shall be located in Barangay Calarian, Zamboanga City or at a location most advantageous to the conduct of its operation.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the funds necessary for the implementation of this Act which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,