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House Bill No. **4778**



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Introduced by **Rep. MARIO VITTORIO "MARVEY" A. MARIÑO**  
5<sup>th</sup> District, Batangas

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***EXPLANATORY NOTE***

Batangas City is presently served by one (1) District Engineering Office of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) that is serving two (2) legislative districts, the 2<sup>nd</sup> District and the 5<sup>th</sup> District of the Province of Batangas.

With the approval of Republic Act No. 10673 reapportioning the Province of Batangas into six (6) legislative districts, Batangas City was separated from the 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Batangas to constitute the 5<sup>th</sup> District of Batangas. Only one (1) District Engineering Office, however, continued to simultaneously serve these two (2) legislative districts.

The inadequacy of one (1) District Engineering Office serving two (2) legislative districts is undeniable. Batangas City is one of the most populous local government units in the province. It has a population of over 318,000. The 2<sup>nd</sup> District Engineering Office is currently serving both the needs of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Districts and is clearly understaffed. This causes undue delays in the implementation of infrastructure programs and projects that is apparently disadvantageous to both districts.

Therefore, to be more effective and efficient in the planning, design, construction, supervision and maintenance of existing infrastructures and future infrastructure projects, there is a need to create a separate engineering district for the 5<sup>th</sup> District of Batangas.

In view of the foregoing, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mario Vittorio 'Marvey' A. Mariño".

**MARIO VITTORIO "MARVEY" A. MARIÑO**

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**AN ACT CREATING A SEPARATE ENGINEERING DISTRICT IN  
THE CITY OF BATANGAS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION 1.** Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, there is hereby created a separate district engineering office of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) in the City of Batangas.

**SECTION 2.** The Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) District of the Province of Batangas shall have one district engineering office, to be located separately from the jurisdiction of the Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Legislative District of the Province of Batangas.

**SECTION 3.** The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall immediately include the Department's program the operationalization of the separate district engineering office in the City of Batangas, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Second (2<sup>nd</sup>) District Engineering Office. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the said district engineering office shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved.