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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **8854**



INTRODUCED BY: REPRESENTATIVE ROMEO M. JALOSJOS, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the creation of the **SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE (SDO)** in the 1st District of Zamboanga del Norte, to be established in the **Municipality of Polanco, Zamboanga del Norte** to cover supervision of **nine (9) Schools District** in various municipalities namely: **Municipality of Polanco I, Municipality of Rizal, Municipality of La Libertad, Municipality of Pinan, Municipality of Mutia, Municipality of Polanco II, Municipality of Sergio Osmena I and Municipality of Sergio Osmena II.**

The **Declaration of State Policies** of the 1987 Constitution under Article II Section 17 provides - *The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total liberation and development.* It is the wisdom of the framers of the 1987 Constitution to categorize education as priority-meaning it must be quality and a valuable education.

With reference to the **SY 2020 Vital Statistics of the Schools Division of Zamboanga del Norte** there are **753 total number of schools, 8,609 total number of teachers with a total 227,600 number of enrollees in the entire province.** The figure below indicates the magnitude of school facilities, teachers and enrollees for SY 2020 within the 1st Congressional District, to wit:

Congressional District	Number of Schools	Number of Teachers	Number of Enrollees
First District, Zanorte	a. E/S 144	a. E/S 1,036	a. E/S 21,750
	b. JHS/SHS 22	b. JHS 430	b. JHS 10,500
		c. SHS 102	c. SHS 3,805
	TOTAL 166	TOTAL 1,568	TOTAL 36,055

With the above indicated educational statistics, it is considered a large and enormous organization. Thereby, it cannot be denied the difficulty in the provision of technical assistance, supervision and monitoring of all the schools that affects performance in attaining quality education.

One way of streamlining a large organization is to decentralize its operation functions, so as to effectively and efficiently discharge the duties and functions anchored on vision and mission and core values of the department, which the ideal and appropriate strength of the Schools Division will be at the minimum bench mark of 800 teachers. Hence, earnest approval of this measure is personally sought.

REP. ROMEO M. JALOSJOS, JR.

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AN ACT CREATING A NEW SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE (SDO) IN THE 1ST DISTRICT OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF POLANCO, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE TO COVER SUPERVISION OF NINE (9) SCHOOLS DISTRICT NAMELY: MUNICIPALITY OF POLANCO I, MUNICIPALITY OF POLANCO II, MUNICIPALITY OF LA LIBERTAD, MUNICIPALITY OF PINAN, MUNICIPALITY OF MUTIA, MUNICIPALITY OF SERGIO OSMENA I, and MUNICIPALITY OF SERGIO OSMENA II, MUNICIPALITY OF SIBUTAD AND MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created a new Schools Division Office (SDO) in the 1st District of the Province Zamboanga del Norte, to be stationed at the Municipality of Polanco, under the supervision of the Department of Education. The Schools Division Office shall have jurisdiction over all basic education schools within the nine (9) Schools District within the municipalities of POLANCO I, POLANCO II, LA LIBERTAD, SIBUTAD, RIZAL, SERGIO OSMENA I, SERGIO OSMENA II, MUTIA and PINAN.

SECTION 2. The Department of Education shall determine the staff complement and qualification standards of the personnel assigned in the Schools Division Office (SDO).

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operations of the Schools Division Office (SDO) in the 1st District of Zamboanga del Norte, funding herein shall be included in the annual investment and expenditures program in the GAA.

SECTION 4. The Secretary of Education shall promulgate rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act within sixty (60) days upon its approval.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.