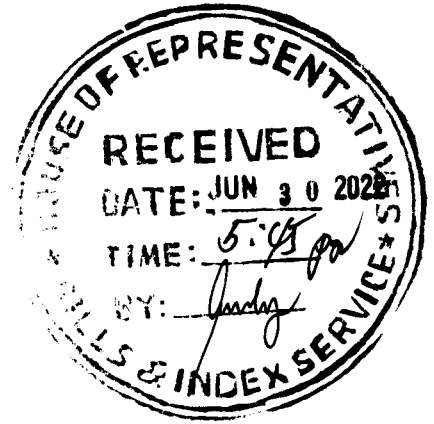


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HOUSE BILL NO. 466



Introduced by **Hon. WILTER YAP PALMA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

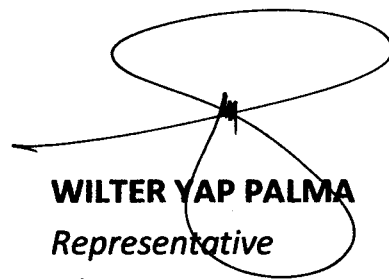
Article XIV, Section 2 (1) of the **1987 Constitution** states that the State shall: "Establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society."

In line with the goals of the Constitution, this bill recognizes the role of the Local Government Units (LGUs) in the establishment of efforts geared towards upholding quality education while serving as an avenue for both local communities and the local government to interact with one another through the establishment of a school division office.

However, as it stands, the First (1st) District of Zamboanga Sibugay Province has more than three thousand (3,000) teachers reporting to the lone school division office in the province. This number is far cry from the proposed seven hundred fifty (750) teachers per school division ratio as cited by the Department of Education (DepED) and may directly affect not only the district's capabilities but also the provincial capabilities to deliver both efficient and effective academic performance amongst its schools. Consequently, given the size of the province, these teachers are then presented with the burden to travel for hours just to report to their school division office, a feat that is proven to be taxing on one's overall physical and mental health.

At its very core, the district school division office will serve as the main pillar that would provide support for school operations while addressing the inherent structural problems within the school level. As such, the establishment of a separate school division office would enable the local government to provide higher standards of education as well as enabling the district to address the educational needs of the youth within its jurisdiction.

In view thereof, support and approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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WILTER YAP PALMA
Representative

1st District, Zamboanga Sibugay

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF DIPLAHAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

- 1 **SECTION 1. *Establishment of a Schools Division.*** – There shall be
2 established, under the supervision of the Department of Education (DepED), a
3 District School Division Office, which shall have jurisdiction over the schools
4 within the First (1st) District of Zamboanga Sibugay, and shall be headed by a
5 division superintendent who must possess the necessary qualifications required
6 by DepED.

7 The staff complement for the District School Division Office, whose office
8 shall be located in the Municipality of Diplahan, shall also possess the necessary
9 qualifications required by the DepED.

10 **SEC. 2. Appropriations.** – The Secretary of Education shall immediately
11 include in its program the operationalization of the District School Division Office
12 of the First District (1st) of Zamboanga Sibugay, the initial funding of which shall
13 be charged against the appropriations of the DepED. Thereafter, such sum as may
14 be necessary for the continued operation of the office shall be included in the
15 annual General Appropriations Act.

16 **SEC. 3. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, executive orders,
17 proclamations, rules and regulations and issuances or parts thereof which are
18 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or amended
19 accordingly.

20 **SEC. 4. Implementation.** – The Secretary of Education shall issue the rules
21 and regulations that may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

22 **SEC. 5. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
23 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

24 Approved,