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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2701



Introduced by

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HON. YEDDA MARIE K. ROMUALDEZ
HON. JUDE A. ACIDRE
and
HON. CHRISTOPHERSON "COCO" M. YAP

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a new District Engineering Office in the Province of Southern Leyte to be named as the Second District Engineering Office under the Department of Public Works and Highways. It will be responsible for all DPWH activities in the Second Legislative District covering the Municipalities of Sogod, Libagon, Liloan, San Francisco, Pintuyan, San Ricardo, Saint Bernard, Anahawan, San Juan, Hinundayan, Hinunangan, and Silago.

The newly created Second Legislative District of Southern Leyte is composed of twelve (12) municipalities and Two Hundred Seventy-Seven (277) Barangays with more than one hundred (100) kilometers of existing national roads and has an area of more than one thousand one hundred (1,100) square kilometers. At present, the municipalities composing the Second Legislative District are under the jurisdiction of the sub-district engineering office of the DPWH Regional Office.

The province of Southern Leyte is in dire need for the rehabilitation of infrastructure damaged or destroyed by Typhoon Odette in December 2021, and the creation of a regular District Engineering Office is paramount.

It is crucial that a new engineering district be established to guarantee the successful and efficient implementation of all infrastructure projects and endeavors in the Second Legislative District of Southern Leyte.

Therefore, passage of this bill is hereby earnestly sought.

Respectfully submitted,



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE FOR THE SECOND
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN LEYTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

Section 1. There shall be established, under the Department of Public Works and Highways, a district engineering office in the Second Legislative District of Southern Leyte, which shall be known as the Southern Leyte Second District Engineering Office (SLSDEO).

Section 2. The SLSDEO shall serve the municipalities of Anahawan, Hinunangan, Hinundayan, Libagon, Liloan, Pintuyan, Saint Bernard, San Francisco, San Juan, San Ricardo, Silago, and Sogod all in Southern Leyte.

For this purpose, a main office shall be established in the municipality of Sogod, while a sub-office shall be established in the municipality of San Juan, both in Southern Leyte.

Section 3. The property and personnel allocated for the existing DPWH Sub-District Engineering Office in the province of Southern Leyte pursuant to Department Order 105, Series of 2021, shall be assumed by the district engineering office created under this act, while the amount allocated for the former office shall continue to be utilized until the end of the fiscal year in which this act is enacted. Thereafter, the amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 4. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways is hereby authorized to transfer the records, property, equipment, supplies, and materials pertaining to the jurisdiction of the Engineering District of the Second Legislative District of Southern Leyte in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,