

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

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. 4414



Introduced by Representative LORENZ R. DEFENSOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the creation of a separate District Engineering Office of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) in the 3rd Congressional District of the Province of Iloilo (Province) covering the municipalities of Badiangan, Bingawan, Cabatuan, Calinog, Janiuay, Lambunao, Maasin, Mina and Pototan.

District Engineering Offices of the DPWH are mandated by law to execute infrastructure programs as they are located in different legislative districts nationwide. Currently, however, the 3rd and 4th congressional districts of the Province are served by only one (1) District Engineering Office covering a total of seventeen (17) towns in the Province.

The 3rd Congressional District of the Province covers nine (9) towns with an area of approximately 119,504 hectares (1,195 km²) and a total population of 456,006 as of 2020¹ while the 4th Congressional District of the Province covers eight (8) towns with an area of approximately 91,182 (912 km²) and a total population of 402,317 as of 2020². With the current administration's directive of continuing infrastructure developments and modernization in the country in addition to creating more farm-to-market roads, serving two (2) congressional districts by only one District Engineering Office will be disadvantageous for both areas.

By creating a separate District Engineering Office to serve the 3rd Congressional District of the Province, there will be more efficient and effective planning, design, implementation, maintenance, and supervision of projects and programs for each congressional district in the Province.

¹ <https://iloilo.gov.ph/en/3rd-district>.

² <https://iloilo.gov.ph/en/4th-district>.

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



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AN ACT
CREATING A DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE FOR THE
3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

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2 Section 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of
3 Public Works and Highways (DPWH), a sixth (6th) district engineering office for the 3rd
4 Congressional District of the Province of Iloilo.

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6 Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways shall
7 immediately include the Department's program and operationalization of the 6th
8 District Engineering Office for the 3rd District of Iloilo. The funding of which shall be
9 included in the General Appropriations Act.

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11 Sec. 3. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways shall
12 promulgate and issue the necessary implementing rules and regulations for this Act.

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

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17 *Approved.*