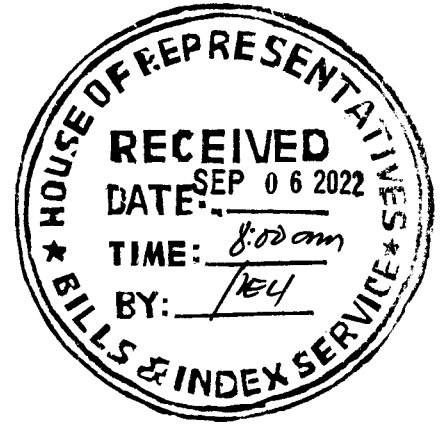


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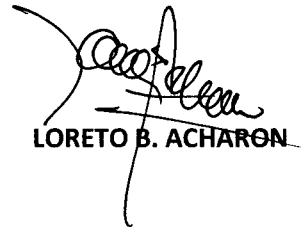
Pursuant to Executive Order No. 124 Series of 1987, particularly Sections 6 and 25 thereof, a Sub-District Engineering Office for the City of General Santos was created by virtue of DPWH Department Order No. 87 dated April 2, 1990, and from then on remained under the administrative jurisdiction of the DPWH South Cotabato 1st District Engineering Office.

With the passage into law of Republic Act Numbered 11243 creating the Lone Legislative District of the City of General Santos, it is now imperative that a new engineering office be established to serve General Santos City separate from the South Cotabato 1st District Engineering Office which shall continue to serve the Municipalities of Tampakan, Tupi and Polomolok comprising the First Legislative District of the Province of South Cotabato.

This bill therefore seeks the creation of the General Santos City District Engineering Office of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

By virtue of this creation, the mandates of the Department of Public Works and Highways relative to planning, design, construction and maintenance of public infrastructure, specifically national roads, bridges, flood control, water resources and water systems development, and other public works are exclusively focused on the needs of the City of General Santos and stakeholders.

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


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AN
ACT CREATING THE GENERAL SANTOS CITY DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. A district engineering office is hereby created in the Lone Legislative District of the City of General Santos to be known as the General Santos City District Engineering Office.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) shall include in the Department's program the operationalization of a separate district engineering office in the City of General Santos, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Sub-District Engineering Office in General Santos City.

Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for the continued operations of the new General Santos City District Engineering Office shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the DPWH shall issue such rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

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

APPROVED.