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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 5987



Introduced by: REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL JOSE M. DALIPE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to establish two separate District Engineering Offices under the Department of Public Works and Highways in the City of Zamboanga for the First and Second Congressional Districts of Zamboanga City.

District Engineering Offices (DEOs) of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) are tasked to develop our country's infrastructure nationwide. They are the forefronts in executing infrastructure improvements as they are located in legislative districts throughout the country.

According to the 2020 Philippine Statistics Office Census, Zamboanga City has a population of 977,234 people making it the 5th most populous and 3rd largest city by land area in the Philippines with a total land area of 1,483.3849 square kilometers. These population and land area of Zamboanga City far exceed the minimum requirement of 250,000 population and 100 square kilometers land area for the creation of District Engineering Offices.

At present, the District Engineering Office located in Barangay Divisoria, Zamboanga City solely caters to the infrastructure needs of the entire city. Considering the rapid pace of development and given the land area of Zamboanga City, maintaining a single district engineering office is no longer efficient and effective. Thus, in order to ensure a more efficient and effective management and maintenance of infrastructure and public works services, the creation of two (2) new and separate District Engineering Offices in Zamboanga City is indispensable for the continued development of the City.

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

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ZAMBOANGA CITY FIRST AND SECOND DISTRICT
ENGINEERING OFFICES 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 supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways, a first and second district engineering office in Zamboanga City to be known as the Zamboanga City First District Engineering Office and the Zamboanga City Second District Engineering Office.

SECTION 2. The said district engineering offices shall be located in the First Congressional District of Zamboanga and in the Second Congressional District of Zamboanga.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Departments' program the operationalization of Zamboanga City's First and Second District Engineering Offices, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.