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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Engineering districts are vital cogs in the development of the country. Without their invaluable contribution, the implementation of priority projects such as the construction, maintenance and rehabilitation of roads and bridges, as well as flood control, irrigation, and other important infrastructure, would be impossible to realize.

Prior to the passage of Republic Act No. 11609 in December 10, 2021 which created the Second District Engineering Office of Davao de Oro Province, the whole political subdivision comprising of eleven municipalities was under the jurisdiction of a single district engineering office. RA 11609 changed all that, with the Second District Engineering Office now mandated to provide its services to five of the eleven municipalities.

Inadvertently, confusion was created by the new law, as the First District Engineering Office located in the capital town of Nabunturan, covers the municipalities of the Second Legislative District, and the Second District Engineering Office with office address in the municipality of Compostela, has jurisdiction over municipalities belonging to the First Legislative District. This has caused much administrative bewilderment among agencies including the Central Office of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

As legislative remedy is required to fix this perplexity, the undersigned sponsored this bill which interchanges the names of the first and second district engineering offices of the province. A simple solution to an otherwise innocuous and unintentional conundrum.

We earnestly request for the immediate approval of this measure.


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**AN ACT INTERCHANGING THE NAMES OF THE FIRST AND SECOND
DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICES OF DAVAO DE ORO PROVINCE, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

SECTION 1. The names of the first and second district engineering offices of Davao de Oro Province shall be interchanged such that the existing Second District Engineering Office located in the Municipality of Nabunturan be named First District Engineering Office, and the existing Second District Engineering Office located in the Municipality of Compostela be named First District Engineering Office.

SEC. 2. The First District Engineering Office shall serve the municipalities of Monkayo, Compostela, New Bataan, Montevista and Maragusan, all located in the First Legislative District.

SEC. 3. The Second District Engineering Office shall serve the municipalities of Nabunturan, Pantukan, Laak, Mawab, Maco and Mabini.

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

Approved,