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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 689

Introduced by **Representative MARIA CARMEN S. ZAMORA, MNSA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

Before the passage of Republic Act No. 11609 on December 10, 2021, which created the Second District Engineering Office of the Province of Davao de Oro, the whole political subdivision comprising 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, the new law created confusion, as the First District Engineering Office, located in the capital town of Nabunturan, covers the municipalities of the Second Legislative District. In contrast, the Second District Engineering Office, with its 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 a 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.

During the 19th Congress, this bill was filed by the undersigned and received endorsement from the Committee on Public Works and Highways. It was approved on the third reading by the House of Representatives and subsequently transmitted to the Senate.

We earnestly request the immediate approval of this measure.

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AN ACT
RENUMBERING THE DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS IN THE PROVINCE OF DAVAO DE ORO

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The two (2) district engineering offices of the Department of Public Works and
2 Highways (DPWH) in the Province of Davao De Oro are hereby renumbered to correspond
3 with the numbering of the legislative districts of the province. The First District Engineering
4 Office shall be located in the First Legislative District and shall serve the municipalities of
5 Monkayo, Compostela, New Bataan, Montevista, and Maragusan. The Second District
6 Engineering Office shall be located in the Second Legislative District and shall serve the
7 municipalities of Nabunturan, Pantukan, Laak, Mawab, Maco, and Mabini.

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9 **SECTION 2.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Public
10 Works and Highways shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective
11 implementation of this Act.

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13 **SECTION 3.** Republic Act No. 11609, establishing the DPWH Second District Engineering
14 Office in the Municipality of Compostela, Province of Davao De Oro, is hereby amended
15 accordingly.

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

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20 *Approved,*