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HOUSE BILL NO. 1462



Introduced by

HON. ATTY. GERVILLE “JINKY BITRICS” R. LUISTRO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

At present, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) maintains only one District Engineering Office (DEO) responsible for both the 2nd and 5th legislative districts of Batangas Province—a setup that has become increasingly inefficient.

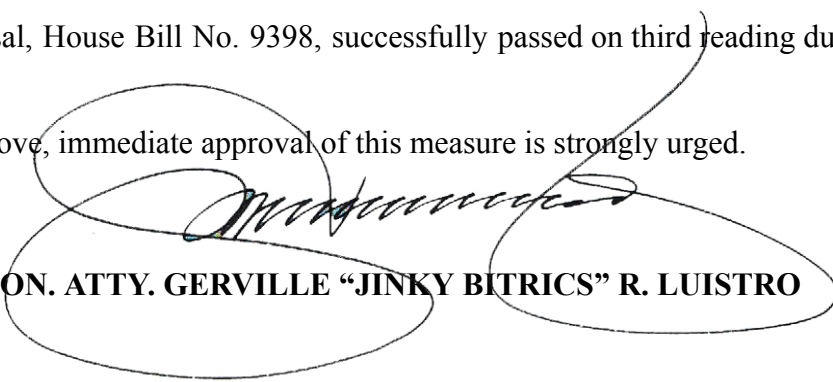
Following the enactment of Republic Act No. 10673, which reapportioned Batangas into six legislative districts, Batangas City was formally designated as the province’s 5th District, separating it from the former 2nd District. Despite this legislative realignment, a single DPWH engineering office continues to serve both districts.

This arrangement is proving to be inadequate. Batangas City alone is home to more than 318,000 residents, making it one of the most densely populated areas in the province. With the current District Engineering Office stretched between two districts, the delivery of infrastructure services has suffered—delaying critical projects and compromising public service.

To ensure timelier and more responsive planning, execution, and oversight of infrastructure programs, there is a compelling need to establish a separate engineering district specifically for the 5th District of Batangas.

A similar proposal, House Bill No. 9398, successfully passed on third reading during the 18th Congress.

In light of the above, immediate approval of this measure is strongly urged.


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AN ACT CREATING A DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. A district engineering office of the Department of Public Works and Highways is hereby created in the Fifth Legislative District, Province of Batangas, to be located in the City of Batangas and referred to as the Fifth District Engineering Office.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Fifth District Engineering Office in the City of Batangas, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,