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HOUSE BILL NO. 2206



Introduced by **Representative Ryan S. Recto**

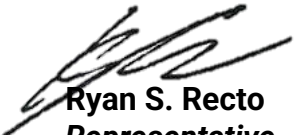
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed measure seeks to create a separate district engineering office dedicated to the Sixth District of Batangas to ensure effective and efficient maintenance of existing infrastructures as well as the planning, design, construction and supervision of future infrastructure projects.

In recent years, The City of Lipa in the Province of Batangas has continued its rapid urbanization. However, it is accompanied by sustained population growth. According to the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Lipa City has a total population of 372,931. These figures then underscores the immense pressure placed on existing public infrastructure, from road networks and bridges to drainage systems and public buildings.

The Fourth District Engineering Office (DEO) currently serves the Fourth and Sixth Legislative Districts in the Province of Batangas. This may cause overstretching of the DEO's resources and can even lead to a less responsive approach to local infrastructure demands. A DEO dedicated solely to Lipa City would not only allow for a more focused, decentralized and efficient resource allocation, but would also ensure the timely execution of essential infrastructure projects. It is hoped that this legislative measure can further support the city's expanding population and dynamic economic activities.

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


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

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

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

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9 Sec. 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the
10 Department's program the operationalization of the Sixth District Engineering Office
11 in the City of Lipa, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
12 Appropriations Act.

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

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17 *Approved,*