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HOUSE BILL NO. **3493**



Introduced by Representative SITTIE SHAHARA "BAI DIMPLE" I. MASTURA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

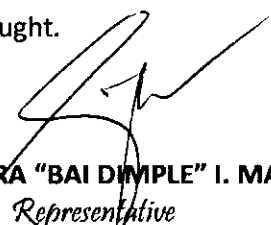
On September 12, 2013, the Cotabato Subdistrict Engineering Office was upgraded into a regular district engineering office by virtue of Republic Act No. 10626 and was named from then on as the Cotabato District Engineering Office.

Consequently, Republic Act No. 11054 otherwise known as the "Bangsamoro Organic Law" establishing the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), the Cotabato District Engineering Office was turned over to the Ministry of Public Works, and acquired jurisdiction over all infrastructure and public works in the city, office land and buildings, equipment and other assets from DPWH Region 12 on September 20, 2021.

With the passage into law of Republic Act No. 11550 dividing the former Province of Maguindanao into two (2) provinces namely: Maguindanao del Norte and Maguindanao del Sur, it is now imperative that a new engineering district be established to cater to the needs of the Province of Maguindanao del Norte separate from the Cotabato District Engineering Office.

This bill seeks the creation of a separate district engineering office in the Province of Maguindanao del Norte, extensively focused on the needs of the Municipalities of Barira, Buldon, Datu Blah Sinsuat, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Kabuntalan, Matanog, Northern Kabuntalan, Parang, Northern Upi, Sultan Kudarat, Sultan Mastura and Talitay, while the Cotabato DEO shall continue to serve the needs of all the barangays within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Cotabato.

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


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AN ACT
CREATING A DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE LONE LEGISLATIVE
DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO DEL NORTE, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and the 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 Lone Legislative District of the Province of Maguindanao del Norte, and referred to as the Province of Maguindanao del Norte District Engineering Office.

SEC. 2 The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the operationalization of a separate district engineering office in the Province of Maguindanao del Norte, 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,