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House Bill No. **3865**



Introduced by **Rep. BEVERLEY ROSE A. DIMACUHA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Batangas City is presently served by one (1) District Engineering Office of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) that is serving two (2) legislative districts, the 2nd District and the 5th District of the Province of Batangas.

With the approval of Republic Act No. 10673 reapportioning the Province of Batangas into six (6) legislative districts, Batangas City was separated from the 2nd District of Batangas to constitute the 5th District of Batangas. Only one (1) District Engineering Office, however, continued to simultaneously serve these two (2) legislative districts.

The inadequacy of one (1) District Engineering Office serving two (2) legislative districts is undeniable. Batangas City is one of the most populous local government units in the province. It has an estimated population of over 386,000. The 2nd District Engineering Office is currently serving both the needs of the 2nd and 5th Districts and is clearly understaffed. This causes undue delays in the implementation of infrastructure programs and projects which is apparently disadvantageous to both districts.

Therefore, to be more effective and efficient in the planning, design, construction, supervision and maintenance of existing infrastructures and future infrastructure projects, there is a need to create a separate engineering district for the 5th district of Batangas.

Proposed measure was filed as House Bill 9398 during the 18th Congress and as House Bill 907 in the 19th, and has passed 3rd Reading for the past two Congresses.

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


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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,