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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL No. 5444



Introduced by: **REPRESENTATIVE ISIDRO D. LUMAYAG**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

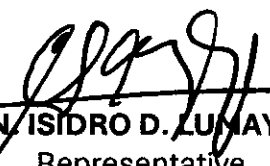
This bill was originally filed during the 19th Congress, where it was approved by the House of Representatives on third reading and transmitted to the Senate. However, the Senate failed to act on the measure. Accordingly, it is being re-filed in the 20th Congress.

The bill seeks to relocate the South Cotabato First District Engineering Office of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) from Barangay Lagao, General Santos City, to the Municipality of Tupi, South Cotabato.

In 2019, Republic Act No. 11243 was enacted, reapportioning the First Legislative District of South Cotabato and creating the Lone Legislative District of General Santos City. As a result, the First District of South Cotabato is now composed solely of the Municipalities of Polomolok, Tupi, and Tampakan.

Despite the reapportionment, the DPWH-South Cotabato 1st District Engineering Office remains located in Barangay Lagao, General Santos City, which is no longer within the jurisdiction of the 1st District. This misalignment has resulted in operational and jurisdictional inefficiencies in the delivery of infrastructure services. Notably, a two-hectare parcel of land in the Municipality of Tupi has already been donated to the DPWH, specifically intended as the site for the relocated district engineering office.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this measure is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
RELOCATING THE SOUTH COTABATO FIRST DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE FROM
BARANGAY LAGAO, GENERAL SANTOS CITY, TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUPI,
PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), South Cotabato First Engineering Office in Barangay Lagao, General Santos City is hereby relocated to the Municipality of Tupi, First Legislative District, Province of South Cotabato.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the relocation of the DPWH-South Cotabato First Engineering Office to Tupi, South Cotabato.

SEC. 3. The Department of Public Works and Highways shall take the necessary steps to implement this Act, including planning, construction, and relocation of the office and personnel.

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

Approved,