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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

When the Province of Batangas was reapportioned into six legislative districts, Batangas City became the 5th District of Batangas after its separation from the 2nd District. Despite the partition, only one District Engineering Office continues to provide service for these two districts.

According to the Philippine Statistics Authority, Batangas City has a population of 350,000 people. It is one of the most populous local government units in the Province of Batangas, only being second to Lipa City. With only one District Engineering Office for two districts, it is detrimental because it causes undue delays to infrastructure programs and projects.

This bill seeks to create a separate engineering district for the 5th district of Batangas for a more efficient and effective planning and implementation of infrastructure programs and projects. It is only right to establish a separate office to provide better public service to the people of Batangas City.

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



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

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

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

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

Approved,