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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. 2673

Introduced by **HON. JOSEFINA B. TALLADO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish a separate engineering district for the First District of Camarines Norte which is comprised of the municipalities of Capalonga, Jose Panganiban, Labo, Paracale, and Santa Elena.

The proposed engineering district shall be known as Camarines Norte First District Engineering Office, and shall be located in the municipality of Labo, which is the largest municipality in the First District.

It is important to note that the present engineering districts in the Bicol Region, with the sole exception of Camarines Norte, correspond to the congressional district for each province, to wit:

Province	No. of Congressional District	No. of Engineering District Office
Albay	3	3
Camarines Norte	2	1
Camarines Sur	5	5
Catanduanes	1	1
Masbate	3	3
Sorsogon	2	2

The rationale why the number of engineering district office in other province corresponds to the number of congressional district is obvious. This is to easily facilitate the funding and ensure a more focused program for the provision of necessary public infrastructures and engineering projects for each congressional districts consistent with the legislative agenda of the respective representative.

Also, there appears to be no reasonable justification to maintain a sole engineering district in Camarines Norte whereas the rest of the provinces in the Bicol Region already have engineering districts corresponding to the number of congressional districts in their respective provinces.

Furthermore, the 1st District comprise of five municipalities with a population 292,871 based on the latest census of the Philippine Statistical Authority. Such would require focal attention from our government agencies, particularly the Department of Public Works and Highways to effectively deliver its services which would revitalize and greatly benefit the constituents of the First District of Camarines Norte.

In view of the foregoing, it becomes imperative to constitute another engineering district, separate and independent from the existing engineering office of the province of Camarines Norte. Thus, the approval of this bill is most urgently prayed for.


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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRST DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE
IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE.**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Public Works
2 and Highways (DPWH), a first district engineering office in the First Congressional District of the Province of
3 Camarines Norte to be located in the Municipality of Labo to be known as Camarines Norte First District
4 Engineering Office.

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6 **SECTION 2.** The said district engineering office shall comprise the Municipalities of Capalonga, Jose
7 Panganiban, Labo, Paracale, and Santa Elena which are all within the 1st Congressional District of Camarines
8 Norte.

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10 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program
11 the operationalization of the Camarines Norte's First District Engineering Office, the funding of which shall
12 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

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

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17 **Approved,**