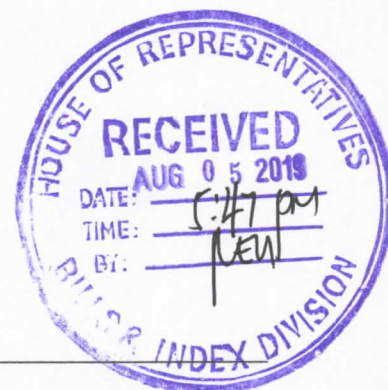


HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. B. No 3438



Introduced by Representative **Vilma Santos-Recto**  
6th District of Batangas

**AN ACT CREATING A DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT  
OF BATANGAS PROVINCE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

District Engineering Offices or DEOs of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) is mandated by law to execute infrastructure programs as they are located in each legislative district throughout the country.

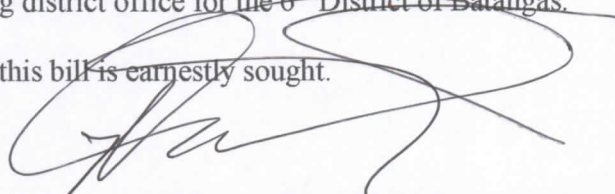
With the approval of Republic Act No. 10673 also known as An Act Reapportioning the Province of Batangas into six (6) Legislative Districts on 28 of July 2014, creating Lipa City as the 6<sup>th</sup> Legislative District of Batangas. As of now, 6<sup>th</sup> District of Batangas (Lipa City) and 4<sup>th</sup> District of Batangas are served by only one District Engineering Office. In such case, the inadequacy of manpower and resources of one District Engineering Office serving two (2) legislative districts is undeniable, where efficiency and proper management should always be taken into consideration.

Lipa City covers an area of 20,940 hectares (209.4 km<sup>2</sup>). The total population of Lipa is 332,386 according to the Philippine Statistics Authority Census in the year 2015 with a density of 1,590 inhabitants per square kilometer or 4,100 inhabitants per square mile.

The 4<sup>th</sup> District Engineering Office is currently serving both needs of the two Legislative Districts, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> District of the Province, and it is clearly understaffed and might not be enough to cater the two (2) districts to support the "Build Build Build" program of the administration. This might cause undue delays on implementation of infrastructure programs and projects that 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 office for the 6<sup>th</sup> District of Batangas.

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

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

**SECTION 1.** There is hereby created a sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) district engineering office of the  
Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) in the City of Lipa, Province of Batangas.

**SEC. 2.** The Secretary of Department of Public Works and Highways shall immediately  
include the Department's program and operationalization of the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) district engineering  
office in the City of Lipa. The initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's  
appropriations of the Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) District Engineering Office. Thereafter, the amount for the  
continued operation of the said district engineering office shall be included in the General  
Appropriations Act.

**SEC. 3.** The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways shall promulgate  
and issue the necessary implementing rules and regulations of this Act.

**SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official  
Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,