## Republic of the Philippines **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**Quezon City

**Eighteenth Congress**First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 6229



Introduced by: REP. GERARDO P. VALMAYOR, JR.

## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

The bill aims to establish a separate engineering district for the First Congressional District of Negros Occidental that will include the cities of Escalante and San Carlos and the municipalities of Toboso, Calatrava and Salvador Benedicto.

It is important to note that the present first engineering district in the Northern Negros is composed of 3 congressional district which include 1<sup>st</sup> District with five (5) LGUs, 2<sup>nd</sup> District with three (3) LGUs and 3<sup>rd</sup> District with five (5) LGUs. It stretches a total road length of 434.213 km. With such wide coverage of LGUs under its area of responsibility, the present first engineering district is confronted with so many concerns in the implementation of various programs and projects across the three (3) congressional districts.

Looking closely, the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District of Negros Occidental has a total road length of 229.361 km being comprised by two (2) cities and three (3) municipalities. Most of the places in the 1<sup>st</sup> District are located in the upland areas and have mountainous terrain.

Such requires unparalleled attention from our government agencies, particularly Department of Public Works and Highways DPWH to effectively deliver its services among the constituency of the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District.

Having considered such predicament, there is a need therefore to constitute a new engineering district, separate and independent from the existing first engineering office of the Province of Negros Occidental. Thus, the approval of this bill is most urgently prayed for.

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FIRST DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE CITY OF SAN CARLOS, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

- **SECTION** 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways, a district engineering office to be located in the City of San Carlos, Province of Negros Occidental, to be known as the Negros Occidental First District Engineering Office.
- **SECTION 2.** The district engineering office shall serve the cities of Escalante and San Carlos and the municipalities of Toboso, Calatrava and Salvador Benedicto, all located in the First Legislative District of the Province of Negros Occidental.
- **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Negros Occidental First District Engineering Office, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriation Act.
- **SECTION 4.** Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,