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Introduced by Honorable ISAGANI S. AMATONG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to establish a new District Engineering Office in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte to be named as **The Fourth District Engineering Office** under the Department of Public Works and Highway. It will be based in the Municipality of Siocon, in the 3rd Congressional District of the Province of Zamboanga del Norte, and will be responsible for all DPWH activities in the Municipalities of Baliguian, Siocon, Sirawai and Sibuco.

The 3rd Congressional District of Zamboanga del Norte embraces almost 50% of the total 730,100 hectares land area of the Province. This vast area assigned to the Labason based 2nd DEO stretches over 250 kilometers (From the Municipality of Leon Postego up North and down to the Southernmost Municipality of Sibuco at the boundary of Zamboanga City) has caused logistical nightmares and intolerable delays in most of the public works projects undertaken in the Southern part of the Province, particularly in the **Baliguian, Siocon, Sirawai and Sibuco** areas. Furthermore, the stiff & hilly terrain connecting Gutalac to Baliguian has rendered the four aforementioned Municipalities inaccessible from the 2nd DEO as heavy construction equipment from Labason has to be brought to Zamboanga City & shipped by sea to Siocon.

In its July 2013 report, the Special Monitoring Team of the Regional Project Monitoring Committee Region IX described the western part of Zamboanga Peninsula as "ONE OF THE MOST NEGLECTED AREAS OF THE REGION DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF A GOOD ROAD NETWORK". This is a significant factor that contributed to the classification of Zamboanga del Norte as one of the TOP TEN POOREST PROVINCES OF THE COUNTRY.

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


ISAGANI S. AMATONG

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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE 4TH DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF SIOCON, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE
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 a new district Engineering Office in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte to be known as the 4th District Engineering Office of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

SECTION 2. The site of the 4th District Engineering Office shall be located in Siocon and its jurisdiction shall cover the municipalities of Baliguian, Siraway, Siocon and Sibuco, province of Zamboanga del Norte.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways is hereby authorized to appropriate the necessary sum out of the unallocated funds and/or savings or contingency fund of the Department to carry out the immediate implementation of this Act, and forthwith, transfer the records, property, equipment, supplies, and materials pertaining to the jurisdiction and administration of the engineering District in accordance with existing laws and regulations.

SECTION 4. Thereafter, the funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.