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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2691

Introduced by Rep. Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan

EXPLANATORY NOTE

With the passage of Republic Act (RA) No. 10360, the new Province of Davao Occidental is created from the Province of Davao del Sur consisting of the municipalities of Sta. Maria, Malita, Don Marcelino, Jose Abad Santos and Sarangani. Davao Occidental will commence its corporate existence upon the election and qualification of its first set of elective officials on May 19, 2016.

Prior to the effectivity of RA 10360, Davao del Sur has two district engineering offices. The first district engineering office covers the first legislative district composed of the City of Digos and the municipalities of Padada, Hagonoy, Sta. Cruz, Matanao, Bansalan and Magsaysay. The second district engineering office is composed of the municipalities of Sulop, Kiblawan, Malalag, Sta. Maria, Malita, Don Marcelino, Jose Abad Santos and Sarangani. With the creation of the new of the Province of Davao Occidental, and with its own legislative district, the municipalities of Sulop, Kiblawan and Malalag are now part of the Lone Legislative District of the Province of Davao del Sur.

Under Section 7 of RA 10360, the Province of Davao Occidental will have its own legislative district to commence in the next national and local elections after the effectivity of its charter. Henceforth, the municipalities of Sta. Maria, Malita, Don Marcelino, Jose Abad Santos and Sarangani comprise the Lone Legislative District of the Province of Davao Occidental. Thus, to reflect the current political configuration, this bill proposes to create the Lone District Engineering Office in the Province of Davao Occidental.

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


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AN ACT

CREATING THE LONE DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE PROVINCE OF
DAVAO 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 Department of Public Works and Highways, a lone engineering district office in the Province of Davao Occidental comprising the municipalities of Sta. Maria, Malita, Don Marcelino, Jose Abad Santos and Sarangani, all of the Province of Davao Occidental, and to be known as the Lone District Engineering Office of Davao Occidental.

SECTION 2. The office of the Lone District Engineering Office of Davao Occidental shall be located in the Municipality of Malita. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways shall transfer the records, property, equipment, supplies and materials pertaining to the jurisdiction and administration of the said district engineering office in accordance with existing laws and regulations.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Lone District Engineering Office of Davao Occidental, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved.