



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6408



Introduced by Honorable Roger Gaviola Mercado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

With the current alphabetical list of provinces nationwide which is deeply separating the Province of Southern Leyte from the Province of Leyte where it came from, this bill seeks to enhance the identity of Southern Leyte as geographically a part of the Leyte Island with a distinct personality of its own.

The enhance nominal image of Southern Leyte once it will become Leyte del Sur could add more essence to a province which is widely ignored currently owing to its far listing from its mother province of Leyte. The most common dilemma right now for those who are not familiar with Southern Leyte is that it has always been mistaken as not to have existed due the fact that list of provinces can be easily mistaken as listing only the Province of Leyte as Southern Leyte will normally come far down the list together with provinces whose names start with letter "s".

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is hereby being earnestly sought.


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AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE TO LEYTE DEL SUR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The name of the Province of Southern Leyte is hereby
2 changed to Province of Leyte del Sur.

3 **SECTION 2.** The amount necessary for the conduct of the plebiscite shall
4 be borne by the Province of Southern Leyte

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6 The Commission on Elections (COMELEC) shall conduct and supervise the
7 plebiscite to be held in the entire Province of Southern Leyte.
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9 **SECTION 3.** The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)
10 shall implement this Act.

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12 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
13 publication in any two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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15 Approved,