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HOUSE BILL NO. 3538



Introduced by HONORABLE RESURRECCION MARRERO-ACOP, MD

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Engineering districts are key institutional mechanisms in the implementation of priority infrastructure projects such as the construction, maintenance and rehabilitation of national roads and bridges, as well as irrigation and flood control projects in a given district. These infrastructures serve as building blocks of economic and social development in the area.

Republic Act No. 8793 enacted on June 27, 2000, created the Rizal 1st Engineering District which has jurisdiction over infrastructure and public works in the municipalities of Angono, Binangonan, Cainta and Taytay of the First (1st) Legislative District of Rizal, and including Antipolo City. Consequently, the then existing engineering district office in Pasig was renamed as the Rizal 2nd Engineering District with jurisdiction over the municipalities of Tanay, Jala-Jala, San Mateo, Teresa, Rodriguez, Morang, Baras, Cardona and Pililia; the same jurisdiction of the Second Legislative District of the Province of Rizal.

However, since the conversion of Antipolo from a municipality into a component city of Rizal Province on April 4, 1998 under Republic Act No. 8508, the city has grown to its present status not only as a highly-progressive but also as the most populous city in the CALABARZON region with a population of 776,863 as of 2015. Antipolo City alone consists of two (2) legislative districts. To ensure the efficient implementation of infrastructure projects in the two legislative districts of the city, it is imperative that a new engineering district be created for the City of Antipolo.

This bill seeks to create a separate district engineering office in the City of Antipolo which shall be known as the Rizal 3rd Engineering District, amending for the purpose Republic Act No. 8793. It shall have jurisdiction over infrastructure and public works in the sixteen (16) composite barangays of the city divided into eight

(8) barangays of each legislative district. It will free the current Rizal 1st Engineering District from the burden of stretching its limited resources to provide for the ever-growing public works needs of the City of Antipolo, as well as facilitate a more focused response to the developmental requirements of the city.

Under existing guidelines of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), the creation of a new district engineering office (DEO) requires a national road length of less than 100 kilometers for a third class DEO, a land area of 100 square kilometers, and a population of 250,000 inhabitants. At present, Antipolo City has a national road length of 98.73 kilometers (including bridges), a land area of 156.68 square kilometers and a population of 776,386 inhabitants as of 2015. Thus, the requirements for the creation of a new DEO are well complied with.

For the foregoing reasons, the immediate approval of the bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT

**CREATING A SEPARATE DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE IN THE
CITY OF ANTIPOLO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created, under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways, a separate district engineering office in the City of Antipolo and shall be known as the Rizal Third (3rd) Engineering District.

SECTION 2. The Rizal Third Engineering District shall be separated from the Rizal First Engineering District and shall assume jurisdiction over infrastructure and public works in the First and Second Congressional Districts of Antipolo City.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways is hereby authorized to promulgate and effect rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 4. The Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the funding requirements for the operationalization of the Rizal Third Engineering District for the year following the enactment of this Act, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Rizal First Engineering District. Thereafter,

the amount necessary for the continued operation of the said district engineering office shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. Republic Act No. 8793 is hereby amended accordingly. All laws, decrees, executive issuances, rules and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,