

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10626, September 06, 2013 ]**

**AN ACT UPGRADING THE COTABATO SUBDISTRICT  
ENGINEERING OFFICE INTO A REGULAR DISTRICT  
ENGINEERING OFFICE TO BE KNOWN AS THE COTABATO CITY  
DISTRICT ENGINEERING OFFICE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The Cotabato Subdistrict Engineering Office is hereby upgraded into a regular district engineering office to be known as the Cotabato City District Engineering Office.

SEC. 2. The said district engineering office shall comprise all the barangays in Cotabato City and shall assume jurisdiction over all infrastructure and public works in Cotabato City.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Cotabato City District Engineering Office, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Cotabato Subdistrict Engineering Office. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the said district engineering office shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

(Sgd.) **JINGGOY  
EJERCITO ESTRADA**  
*Acting Senate President*

(Sgd.) **FELICIANO  
BELMONTE JR.**  
*Speaker of the House  
of Representatives*

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on May 21, 2013 and June 6, 2013, respectively.

(Sgd.) **EMMA LIRIO-  
REYES**  
*Secretary of the Senate*

(Sgd.) **MARILYN B  
BARUA-YAP**  
*Secretary General  
House of Representatives*