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THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 534

INTRODUCED BY HON. FRED H. CASTRO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Judiciary, being the constitutionally designated arbiter of all legal disputes in our democratic system of government, must, at all times, maintain its independence and remain immune from undue influence, not at the cost, of sacrificing comity with the co-equal branches. It is essential that the Judiciary and the members of the legal profession, as officers of the Court, be of utmost competence and unassailable integrity.

The system of administration of justice must be geared to achieve the goal of delivering fair, impartial and swift justice. Therefore, the core values of the rule of law, equal justice, judicial independence and the pursuit of excellence should be preserved and at all times, predominant.

With this perception, it should be stressed that the one and only nearest court in the 2nd Congressional District of Capiz is located in the Municipality of Mambusao with a travel distance of 8 to 10 kilometers or more coming from the different municipalities of the Second District of Capiz, hence, this proposed bill seeks to provide for the **creation of ONE (1) MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT (MTC) EACH in the municipalities of Tapaz, Sapián, Cuartero and, Sigma** and, to **establish a REGIONAL TRIAL COURT in the municipality of Dumalag**. The Bill aims to establish more courts in the 2nd District of Capiz in order to properly serve the administration of justice and bring the same closer to the people, to render swift justice and, to lighten the burden/bulk of cases clogging in the courts of Roxas City.

Hence, the approval of this Bill is strongly recommended.

ORIGINAL SIGNED
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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF ONE (1) MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT (MTC)
EACH IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TAPAZ, SAPIAN, CUARTERO, SIGMA AND THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
DUMALAG, ALL IN PROVINCE OF CAPIZ AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be the creation of one (1) municipal trial court each in
the municipalities of Tapaz, Sapan, Cuartero, Sigma and, the establishment of a
regional trial court in the Municipality of Dumalag, all in the Province of Capiz;

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall
be included in the Appropriations of the Supreme Court in the General Appropriations
Act of the fiscal year immediately following the approval of this Act and every fiscal year
thereafter.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication
in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in Filipino and English.

Approved,