

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 772

Introduced by Representative Harlin Cast. Abayon

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The bill seeks to provide one additional Regional Trial Court for the Eight Judicial Region to preside over the proposed additional RTC Branch in the Municipality of San Isidro, Province of Northern Samar, amending for the purpose Section 14(i) of BP Blg. 129, as amended, otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1981.

The RTC Branch in the Municipality of Allen has jurisdiction over seven municipalities, four of which are big towns. The ever-increasing number of cases of at least ten to twenty cases a week in the said RTC branch makes it urgently necessary to provide one additional judge. The judge presiding over the RTC Branch in the Municipality of Allen cannot cope with all the pending cases which are bound to increase unless additional judge is provided.

The proposed RTC Branch in the Municipality of San Isidro shall have jurisdiction over the Municipalities of San Isidro, Capul, San Vicente, and San Antonio. As a consequence, the RTC Branch in the Municipality of Allen shall have jurisdiction over the Municipalities of Allen, Lavezares and Victoria.

Hence, early approval of the bill is requested.


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AN ACT

CREATING ONE ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH FOR THE PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR WITH STATION AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (i) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1981.

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

SECTION 1. Section 14, paragraph (i) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, as amended, otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1981, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“(i) Forty – TWO Regional Trial Judges shall be commissioned for the Eight Judicial Region. There shall be:

“Five branches with seats thereat for the province of Eastern Samar, with seats at Borongan, Guiuan, Dolores and Oras;”

“Seventeen branches with seats thereat for the province of Leyte, the Sub-province of Biliran and the cities of Ormoc and Tacloban, with seats at Tacloban City, Abuyog, Calubian, Ormoc City, Carigara, Baybay, Burauen, Naval, Palompon, Hilongos and Caibiran;

“Four branches with seats thereat for the province of Northern Samar, with seats at Catarman, Laoang, Allen, SAN ISIDRO and Gamay;

“Nine Branches with seats thereat for the Province of Samar and the City of Calbayog, with seats at Catbalogan, Basey, Calbayog City, Calbiga Tarangnan and Gandara;