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THIRTEENTH CONGRESS

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House Bill No. 1311

**Introduced by: Representatives Cecilia G. Jalosjos-Carreon,
Roseller L. Barinaga and Cesar G. Jalosjos**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure seeks to provide an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Province of Zamboanga Del Norte to be stationed at Dapitan City.

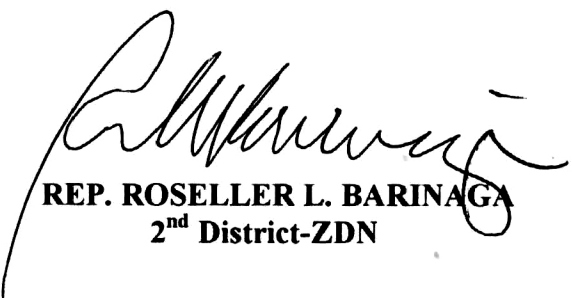
At the present, there are eight (8) branches for the whole Province of Zamboanga del Norte with stations at Dipolog City and at the municipalities of the Sindangan, Siocon and Liloy. There is no branch stationed at Dapitan City.

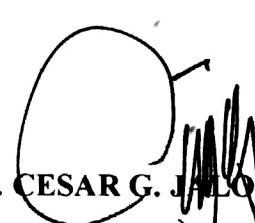
The number of cases particularly those originating from Dapitan City and from the municipalities comprising the first congressional district have increased considerably. Consequently, the party litigants, their witnesses and the practicing lawyers are finding great difficulty, in terms of time and cost, in traveling to Dipolog City for the adjudication of cases. The mere transfer of a branch to Dapitan City will not suffice as the existing branches are heavily overloaded with pending cases. Thus, the urgent need for an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed at Dapitan City.

In the ultimate consideration, the administration of justice and the public's faith in the judicial system for the settlement of their grievances would be better served by insuring their accessibility to the courts.

Your support to this bill is earnestly solicited.


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AN ACT
FURTHER AMENDING PARAGRAPH (J) OF SECTION FOURTEEN OF BATAS
PAMBANSA BILANG 129 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY
REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1981 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

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

“[THIRTY] **THIRTY-ONE** Regional Trial Judges shall be commissioned for the Ninth Judicial Region. There shall be:

“Two branches for the Province of Basilan with seats at Isabela;

“Three branches with seat thereat for the Province of Tawi-Tawi, with seats at Bongao and Sapa-Sapa;

[EIGHT] **NINE** branches with seats thereat for the Province of Zamboanga del Norte and the cities of Dipolog city, **DAPITAN CITY**, Sindangan, Siocon and Liloy; and

“Fifteen branches with seats thereat for the Province of Zamboanga del Sur and the cities of Pagadian and Zamboanga, with seats at Zamboanga City, Pagadian City, Molave, San Miguel, Ipil and Aurora.”

SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall effect the renumbering of the branches for the Province of Zamboanga del Norte.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provision of this Act shall be included in the appropriations of the Supreme Court in the annual General Appropriations Act for the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,