

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2169



Introduced by Honorable Elias C. Bulut, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the establishment of a Registry of Deeds Office for the Province of Apayao to be located in the Municipality of Sta Marcela in the said province.

Almost 10 years after the conversion of Apayao into a province by virtue of Republic Act 7878 enacted into law in February 1995, a separate Registry of Deeds Office for the province is among the important and crucial offices that are absent in the province. Thus, Apayao is still under the jurisdiction of the Registry of Deeds Office of the province of Kalinga which was left with the same when Kalinga and Apayao were converted into separate provinces as a result of the above-cited Republic Act.

The present set-up tends to be an inconvenience for the people of Apayao as pertinent transactions regarding properties are still to be done with the Registry of Deeds office in Tabuk, Kalinga, which distance to the different municipalities of Apayao entails an average travel time of six to eight hours. Furthermore, this set-up has resulted in the slow phase of transactions with regards to titling of lands and resolution of cases related thereto.

The proposed establishment of the Registry of Deeds Office in Apayao is just among the present efforts not only to establish a separate identity for the province of Apayao, but to facilitate better services for the people therein.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A REGISTRY OF DEEDS OFFICE FOR THE PROVINCE OF
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APAYAO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the Department of Justice, a Registry of Deeds Office for the Province of Apayao to be located in the Municipality of Sta Marcela of said province;

SECTION 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations of the Department of Justice under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the operation, maintenance of the Registry of Deeds Office shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. The Department of Justice shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

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

APPROVED,