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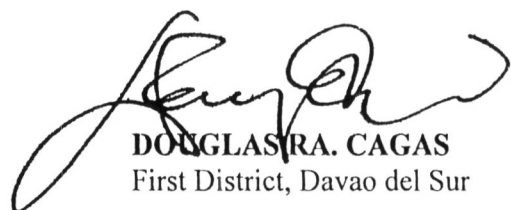
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create an additional branch of the Municipal Trial Court in Digos City, Province of Davao del Sur, amending for the purpose Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980.

The Constitution guarantees the right of all persons to speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial or administrative bodies. It is in line with this provision that this measure is being proposed.

Since its creation, Digos City has had only one branch of Municipal Trial Court to serve the Judicial and legal needs of the population of more than 130,000.00. Furthermore, the jurisdiction of the MTCC expanded as provided for in RA 7691. These explain why there is a backlog of cases in the docket of lone existing MTCC branch, hence the delay in the promulgation of cases and the administration of justice.

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



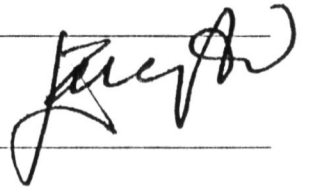
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AN ACT
CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN THE CITY OF DIGOS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

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

SECTION 1. Section 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980 is hereby amended to read as follows:

SEC. 29. Municipal Trial Courts in Cities. – In every city which does not form part of a metropolitan area, there shall be a Municipal Trial Court with one branch, except as hereunder provided:

x x x

TWO BRANCHES FOR DIGOS CITY

x x x

SECTION 2. The said additional MTCC branch shall be known as "Municipal Trial Court of Digos Branch II", to be located in Digos City, Province of Davao del Sur.

SECTION 3. The amount necessary for the establishment, operation, maintenance including the salaries of judges and other personnel of the said court shall be charged to the appropriation of the judiciary provided in the current annual appropriation. Thereafter, the sum needed for its operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

APPROVED,