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EXPLANATORY NOTE

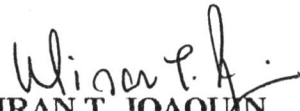
It cannot be denied that litigations filed in court remain unresolved for a number of years. The main reason for the delay in the disposition of cases is the large volume of cases, both civil and criminal, that are filed in court, resulting in an increased number of backlogged cases.

Section 16 of the Bill of Rights of the Constitution expressly provides that "all persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial and administrative bodies."

This constitutional provision however, could not be fully effected in the Municipality of San Pedro, Laguna. With a rapid population growth and a tremendous increase in commercial and industrial activities, the socio-economic climate of the town has drastically changed. Interpersonal controversies as well as business related cases ripe for judicial determination are steadily rising. There is also a very noticeable upsurge in criminal cases.

With the effectivity of RA 7691, expanding the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Trial Courts and the Municipal Trial Courts, the number of civil and criminal cases, again, increased tremendously notwithstanding the fact that these inferior courts already have piles of un-disposed cases.

The problem could best be addressed through the establishment of an additional branch of the Municipal Trial Court, hence this bill.


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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH IN THE MUNICIPALITY SAN PEDRO, LAGUNA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 30 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980"

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

SECTION 1. Section 30 of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Municipal Trial Courts. – In each of the municipalities that are not comprised within a metropolitan area and a municipal circuit there shall be a Municipal Trial Court which shall have one branch, excepts as hereunder provided:

Two branches for San Fernando, La Union;

Four branches for Tuguegarao;

Three branches for Lallo, and two branches for Aparri both of Cagayan;

Two branches for Santiago, Isabela;

Two branches each for Malolos, Meycauayan and Bulacan, all of Bulacan Province;

Four branches for San Fernando and two branches for Guagua both of Pampanga;

Two branches for Tarlac, Tarlac;

Two branches for San Pedro, Laguna;

"[Three branches for San Pedro, Laguna]; and"

Two branches each for Antipolo and Binangonan, both in Rizal

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,