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Introduced by: HON. FELIX R. ALFELOR, JR.

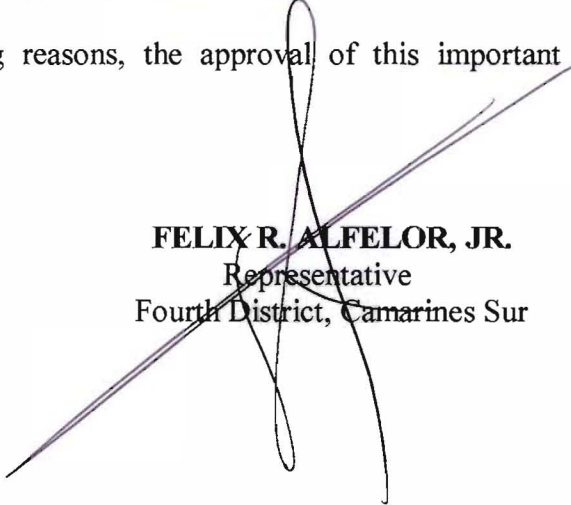
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish Regional Trial Court Branch No. 59 in the City of Iriga. The existing number of courts in the City are heavily clogged with criminal, civil and other crimes that to some extent they are no longer manageable by the present number of salas therein. The significant increase in the number of inhabitants and the inevitable socio-economic development of the City had greatly contributed to this dilemma. Under this situation, more cases have not been heard and this unwarranted delay is tantamount to denial of justice in line with the legal maxim "*Justice delayed, justice denied*".

It is therefore in the foremost interest of effective administration of justice and in line with the Government's policy of decongesting court dockets that the creation of additional sala in Iriga City must be given paramount consideration.

In view of the foregoing reasons, the approval of this important legislative measure is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH No. 59 IN THE CITY OF
IRIGA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980" AS
AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Regional Trial Court Branch No. 59 is hereby established in the City of Iriga.

SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act and if warranted, the re-numbering and alignment of the seats of existing branches and their territorial jurisdiction.

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

SEC. 4. Section 14 (f) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980" as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations, which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,