

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5249



Introduced by Honorable JANETTE P. LORETO-GARIN, M.D.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide additional Regional Trial Court Branch in the Municipality of Guimbal, Province of Iloilo and appropriating funds thereof.

Article II Section 6 of the Constitution provides, thus:

“All persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial or administrative bodies.”

Republic Act No. 7154 which was adopted in September 14, 1994, further amended Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, created a Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of Guimbal. This court will have jurisdiction over cases committed in the Municipalities of Guimbal, Tigbauan, Tubungan, Igaras, Miag-ao and Sam Joaquin, all located in the First District of the Province of Iloilo. It will serve the judicial and legal needs of the population of these six municipalities. Since its creation, there is already a substantial increase in the number of population and the volumes of economic activities in the First District of Iloilo. Consequently, it has resulted to increase of legal conflict leading to the clogging of court dockets. This present state of affairs is sowing discontent among my constituents. They clamor for an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court to help expedite the decision of cases.

This bill is an answer to the growing demand for the immediate decision of cases which presently clog the dockets and slow down the dispensation of justice in the area. Hence, approval of this bill is highly recommended.


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AN ACT
CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH FOR
THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO WITH STATION AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF
GUIMBAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (G)
OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY
REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980.

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

SECTION 1. Sec. 14, paragraph (g) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980 is further amended to read as follows:

“(g) [Sixty-nine] SEVENTY Regional Trial Court Judges shall be commissioned for the Sixth Judicial Region. There shall be:

x	x	x
x	x	x

“[Twenty-two] TWENTY-THREE branches with seats thereat for the Province of Iloilo, the Sub-province of Guimaras, and the City of Iloilo, with seats at Iloilo City, Barotac Viejo, Guimbal and Dumangas;”

x	x	x”.
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SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the additional branch of the Regional Trail Court in the Municipality of Guimbal, Province of Iloilo in accordance with this Act.

SEC. 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provision of this Act, as determined by the Supreme Court, is hereby authorized to be included in the annual General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in two newspaper of general circulation.

Adopted,