



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

Fifteenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 60

Introduced by Honorable Karlo Alexei B. Nograles

This bill seeks to establish two additional branches of the Regional Trial Courts (RTC) to be designated by the Supreme Court as additional drugs courts in Davao City.

Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9165 known as the Comprehensive Dangerous Drug Act of 2002, declares in the part that "It is the policy of the State to safeguard the integrity of its territory and the well-being of its citizenry particularly the youth, from the harmful effects of dangerous on their physical and mental well-being, and to defend the same against acts or omissions detrimental to their development and preservation. xxx"

Further, Section 90 of the same Act provides:

" Section 90. Jurisdiction. – The Supreme Court shall designate special courts from among the existing Regional Trial Court in each judicial region to exclusively try and hear cases involving violation of this Act The number of courts designated in each judicial region shall be based on the population and the number of cases pending in their respective jurisdiction.

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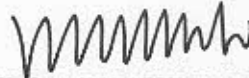
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At present, Davao City is the largest and one of the most important cities in the Philippines. It has a population of about 1.3 million. With such a big population, the passage of this bill is necessary to provide impetus to

Section 16 of Article II (Bill of Rights) of the Constitution which declares that, "*all persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their before all judicial, quasi-judicial or administrative bodies.*"

The courts should serve the best interest of the public and answer the growing demands for the immediate resolution of the cases which presently clog the dockets and slow down the dispensation of justice in Davao City. Hence, the creation is of utmost importance for the people of Davao.

In view of the foregoing considerations and in order to immediately stop me of today's most serious social ills that destroy so many lives and continuously wreck so many families, approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING TWO ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE CITY OF DAVO, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG 129, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS "JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980," AS
AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. Section 14 of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise
known as "*The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980*," is hereby further to
read as follows:

"SEC. 14. Regional Trial Courts.-

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[Forty-one] FORTY-THREE Regional Trial Judges shall be
commissioned for the Eleventh Judicial Region. There shall
be:

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[Sixteen] EIGHTEEN branches will seats thereat for the
Province of Davao del Sur and the City of Davao, with
seats at Davao City, Digos, Malita, and Bansalan:

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SEC.2 The amount necessary for the effective implementation
of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Supreme
Court. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the
continuous implementation of this Act shall be included in the
annual Genaral Appropriations Act.

SEC.3 This Act shall take fifteen (15) days after its
publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulaton.

Approved.