



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

Fifteenth Congress
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. **1108**

Introduced by Honorable Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of Cajidiocan, Island of Sibuyan, Province of Romblon.

The Province of Romblon is composed of seventeen (17) towns, and is comprised of seven (7) islands namely: Tablas, Romblon proper, Sibuyan and the island municipalities of Isla de Carabao, Corcuera, Banton and Concepcion. At present there are two (2) Regional Trial Courts serving our province. One is in the town of Odiongan which caters to the ten municipalities of Tablas Island including Isla de Carabao, and the other one is in the island of Romblon proper which serves the Municipality of Romblon, the island municipalities of Concepcion, Banton, Corcuera and the towns of San Fernando, Magdiwang and Cajidiocan in the Island of Sibuyan.

Records from the Regional Trial Court of Romblon show that the loads from Sibuyan Island cover a vast volume of cases pending before it. Further, litigants are faced with the predicament of travelling for at least half a day and to stay for two days at the Municipality of Romblon just to attend a scheduled hearing, which entails additional expenses for lodging and food, to the detriment of the parties most especially the indigents.

In consonance with the State's policy of providing effective mechanisms for the efficient administration of justice, the immediate approval of this measure is earnestly requested.


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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created an additional Regional Trial Court (RTC) branch in the Province of Romblon, with seat at the Municipality of Cajidiocan, Island of Sibuyan.

The Supreme Court shall designate the branch number of the Regional Trial Court.

SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of Justice, shall immediately include in its program the

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operationalization of the additional regional trial court in the Province of Romblon the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SEC. This Act amends Section 14 (e) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, as amended. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

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