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Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1482

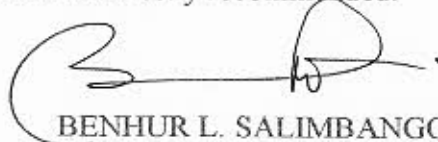
Introduced by **HONORABLE BENHUR L. SALIMBANGON**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the creation of an additional Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the City of Bogu, Province of Cebu, amending for the purpose Batas Pambansa Blg. 129 otherwise known as the "Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1981" and appropriating funds therefor.

The judiciary, being the constitutionally designated arbiter of the legal disputes in our democratic system of government must at all time render expedient disposition of cases and must likewise be accessible to the public. One of the constitutionally mandated rights of every Filipino citizen is speedy disposition of his/her case. Such can only be attained if there are enough courts available to the public to hear and decide cases. At present, the 4th district of the Province of Cebu comprising of Bogu City and eight (8) municipalities namely: Bantayan, Daan Bantayan, Madridejos, Medellin, San Remegio, Sta. Fe, Tabogon and Tabuelan has only one (1) seat of Regional Trial Court which at present is stationed at Bogu City. With the growing population of the 4th district and with the advent of cityhood of Bogu, there is already an urgent need for the creation of an additional Regional Trial Court to be stationed at Bogu City in order to properly serve the administration of justice and bring the same closer to the public, to render swift justice and, to lighten the docket of the already heavily burdened Regional Trial Court in the 4th District.

Hence, the approval of this Bill earnestly recommended.



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AN ACT
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF BOGO, PROVINCE OF CEBU,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (H) OF THE
BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7154,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF
1980", AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

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

"Sec. 14. Regional Trial Courts. -

"x x x

"(h) [Sixty-Four] **Sixty-Five** Regional Trial Court Judges shall be commissioned for the Seventh Judicial Region. There shall be:

"x x x

"[Thirty-Five] **Thirty Six** branches with seats thereat for the Province of Cebu and the Cities of Cebu, Danao, Lapu-lapu, Mandaue and Toledo, with seats at Cebu City, Danao City, Argao, Lapu-lapu City, Mandaue City, Toledo City, Barili, [Bogo] **Bogo City** and Oslob;

"x x x

Section 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the court's program the operationalization of an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court with station at the Bogo City;

Section 3. The Supreme Court shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act and if warranted, the realignment of the seats of existing branches and their territorial jurisdictions.

Section 4. The amount necessary for the creation of the Regional Trial Court shall be funded out of the appropriations for the Judiciary. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 5. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED,