

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

Fifteenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2720

Introduced by the Honorable Janette L. Garin, M. D.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide an additional Regional Trial Court Branch for the First District of Iloilo to be stationed at the Municipality of Guimbal, Province of Iloilo and appropriating funds thereof.

Fifteen (15) years had lapsed since the creation of the first Regional Trial Court for the First District of Iloilo covering the Municipalities of Guimbal, Tigbauan, Tubungan, Igaras, Miag-ao and San Joaquin, by virtue of Republic Act No. 7154 adopted on September 14, 1994, which further amended Batas Pambansa Blg. 129.

Since the creation of the only Regional Trial Court, RTC Branch 67, the population and the economic activities in the six (6) municipalities of the First District of Iloilo increased substantially. Consequently, legal conflicts increased, 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 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 court dockets and slow down the dispensation of justice in the area. Moreover, this bill adheres to the mandate of Section 16, Article III of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, to wit:

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

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. Section 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”.

SECTION 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of Guimbal, Province of Iloilo in accordance with this Act.

SECTION 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.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

Adopted,
