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HOUSE BILL NO. 2721

Introduced by: Honorable **ALFREDO D. MARAÑON, III**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The City of Sagay is a city created by virtue of republic Act No. 8192 approved on June 11, 1996. It has a population of more than one hundred fifty thousand (150,000) scattered among the twenty four (24) urbanized and developed Barangays. Since its establishment the socio-economic climate of the new city has tremendously improved. Commercial and industrial activities increased and interpersonal relationships of the inhabitants have become more vibrant. Court litigations are unavoidable.

The nearest regional trial court is in Cadiz City, some twenty (20) kilometers away. More than sixty (60%) of the case load of the Cadiz City regional trial court branch in the City of Sagay.

In order to ease the burden of the Cadiz City court and to give the residents of Sagay City better access to the court, this Bill proposes to establish a regional trial court branch in the City of Sagay.

In the interest of promoting justice, approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CREATING A REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH IN THE PROVINCE OF
NEGROS OCCIDENTAL TO BE STATIONED IN SAGAY CITY, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION (14) G OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF
1980, AS AMENDED, 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 (g) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Section 14. Regional Trial Courts. —

x x x x

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

x x x x

[Twenty-five] TWENTY-SIX branches with seats thereat for the Province of Negros Occidental and the Cities of Bacolod, Bago, Cadiz, La Carlota, SAGAY, San Carlos, and Silay, with seats at Silay City, Bacolod City, Himamaylan, San Carlos City, Cadiz City, SAGAY CITY, Kabankalan, Bago City, La Carlota City and Sipalay.” (RESPECTIVELY)

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 a Regional Trial Court branch for the Province of Negros Occidental to be stationed at Sagay City, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.