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HOUSE BILL NO. 2958

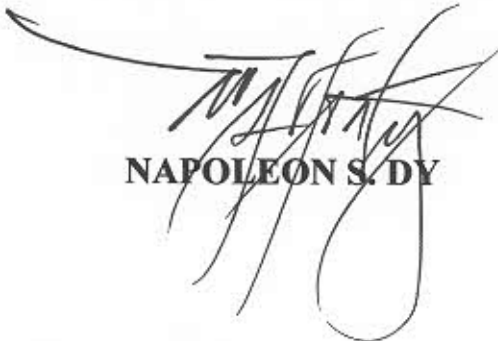
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) in Cauayan City, Isabela.

The 3rd District of Isabela, comprised of seven (7) Municipalities and one (1) component city. At present, there are two (2) Regional Trial Courts (RTC) stationed in Cauayan City. These two (2) existing branches are loaded with numerous cases which clog the dockets and slow down the dispensation of justice. According to the latest census, Cauayan City has a population of 114,254. With the influx of more settlers and residents in the district, in Cauayan City in particular, the passage of this bill is necessary to provide impetus to Sec. 16 of Article III (Bill of Rights) of the Constitution which declares that, "*all persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies.*" Hence, the creation of an additional branch of RTC in the Second Judicial Region is of utmost importance for the people of Cauayan because it will ease the burden of the courts and will certainly lead to a speedier resolution of cases.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL
TRIAL COURT IN CAUAYAN CITY, ISABELA, AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS "THE 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 Blg. 129, otherwise
known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980," is hereby further
amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 14. Regional Trial Courts. –

a) xxx

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b) [Thirty-eight] THIRTY-NINE Regional Trial Judges shall be commissioned for the Second Judicial Region. There shall be:

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[Eleven] TWELVE branches with seats thereat for the Province of Isabela, with seats at Ilagan, Cauayan, Santiago, Cabagan, Roxas, and Echague;

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XXX.”

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 General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,