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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Justice delayed . . . is justice denied.

Since the creation of the sole Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of Cabagan, Province of Isabela, the socio-economic climate within its territorial jurisdiction has tremendously improved. With the rapid development of telecommunications, vast expansion of public highways and the continuing population growth in the area, commercial and inter-personal relationships of the inhabitants of Cabagan and adjoining municipalities have become more vibrant. This resulted to the increase of court litigations, further adding to the already clogged docket of the existing Regional Trial Court of Cabagan.

Hence, for the speedy disposition of cases and providing justice to everyone, and to ease the burden of the sole Regional Trial Court in the northern part of the Province of Isabela, the immediate creation of additional branch of the Regional Trial Court stationed in the Municipality of Cabagan, Province of Isabela is imperative.


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AN ACT
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL
TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA TO BE
STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABAGAN,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (B)
OF 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 the House of Representatives of the
Philippines in Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Section 14, paragraph (b) of 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

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

“x x x

“[Eleven] TWELVE branches for the Province of Isabela, Branches XVI to XVIII with seats at Ilagan, Branches XIX and XX at Cauayan City, Branches XXI, XXXV and XXXVI at Santiago City, Branches XXII AND ADDITIONAL BRANCH at Cabagan, Branch XXIII at Roxas, and Branch XXIV at Echague;

“x x x”

SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the additional branch number for the newly created Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of Cabagan, Province of Isabela.

SEC. 3. 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 the additional regional trial court branch in the Province of Isabela, with station at the Municipality of Cabagan, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,