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House Bill No. **3256**

Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE JEFFREY P. FERRER**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill proposes the creation of two (2) additional Regional Trial Courts in La Carlota City and Bago City, Negros Occidental, amending for the purpose Sec. 14, paragraph (g) of Batas Pambansa blg. 129, otherwise known as the "Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980," as amended.

The fast growing population of La Carlota City, as well as Bago City, and the increasing number of cases filed in the existing courts are alarming, thus, the need to create an additional RTC branches becomes imperative.

In consonance with the provision of the 1987 constitution which provides that, "all persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies," this proposed measure will address the need to decongest the court dockets and promote the speedy disposition of cases filed in the existing courts in the cities of La Carlota and Bago.

Thus, in the interest of timely and effective administration of justice, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT CREATING ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, ONE TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF LA CARLOTA, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AND ONE ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF BAGO, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, 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 the House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 14, Paragraph (g) of Batas Pambansa blg. 129, otherwise known as the "Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980," as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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"(g) [Sixty-Nine] SEVENTY ONE Regional Trial Judges shall be commissioned for the Sixth Judicial Region. There shall be:

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[Twenty Five] TWENTY-SEVEN Branches with seats thereat for the province of Negros Occidental and the cities of Bacolod, Bago, Cadiz, La Carlota, San Carlos, and Silay, with seats at Silay City, Bacolod City, Himamaylan, San Carlos City, Cadiz City, Kabankalan, Bago City, La Carlota City and Sipalay,

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SEC. 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 additional branches of the Regional Trial Courts with station at La Carlota City and Bago City, Negros Occidental, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 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.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect Fifteen Days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a National Newspaper of General Circulation.

Approved,