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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Puerto Princesa City, Province of Palawan.

Since time immemorial, Puerto Princesa has had only one (1) branch of the MTC to serve the population, even as there are now seven (7) branches of the Regional Trial Court in the City.

To date, Puerto Princesa has a total population of 229,532, and the sole branch of the MTC has 1,694 pending cases, as against the ideal of 500 cases per branch.

It is obvious that Puerto Princesa City needs more MTC branches.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980" AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 29 of Batas Pambansa Bilang Isang Daan Dalawampu at Siyam, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC.29. Municipal Trial Court in Cities – In every city which does not form part of a metropolitan area, there shall be a municipal trial court with one branch except as hereunder provided:

X X X
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TWO (2) BRANCHES FOR PUERTO PRINCESA CITY;
X X X"

SEC. 2. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Supreme Court under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the continuous implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriation Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,