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House Bill No. 5341



Introduced by Rep. Florencio T. Flores, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to establish the creation of three (3) additional Regional Trial Court Branches in the Province of Bukidnon to be stationed (2) at the City of Malaybalay and (1) at the City of Valencia.

The justice system in the Province of Bukidnon is in dire need of recognition considering the increasing population and geographical area where people are among others separated by the distance enough for the populace who has different interest and conflicting values to settle between them the commotion and disarray that may lead to chaos where lack of proper venue for settlement are wanting.

At present there are only four branches of Regional Trial Courts in the Province of Bukidnon and having three additional branches would be beneficial and convenient to the people and the existing courts as well. It would help judges who are over-burdened with assignments which resulted in the clogging of cases and the backlog gives them the hard time to hear and decide cases within the time prescribed by law. In view thereof, it is necessary that additional branches of the Regional Trial Court be established.

Hence, speedy approval of this bill is highly recommended.

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AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCHES IN THE PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON TO BE STATIONED (2) AT THE CITY OF MALAYBALAY AND (1) AT THE CITY OF VALENCIA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION FOURTEEN (14), PARAGRAPH (K), 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:

1 **SECTION 1.**Three (3) additional Regional Trial Court branches are hereby
2 created in the Tenth Judicial Region with seats (2) at the City of Malaybalay and
3 (1) at the City of Valencia.

4 The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the newly-created
5 branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Tenth Judicial Region.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with
7 the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's
8 program the operationalization of three (3) additional branches of the Regional Trial
9 Court to be stationed (2) at the City of Malaybalay and (1) at the City of Valencia,
10 the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

11 **SECTION 3.** Section 14 (k) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known
12 as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980" as amended, and all other laws,
13 rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended,

1 repealed or modified accordingly.

2 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen days after its complete
3 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

4 *Approved,*