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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The increasing volume of cases that are filed courts has unduly clogged the dockets of the courts and have thus caused the delay in the resolution of cases. To improve the administration of justice, it is submitted that the number of courts must be increased.

Particularly in Kidapawan, the lone city in the Province of North Cotabato, there is, as of the present, only one (1) Regional Trial Court (RTC). Being that it is only one, its docket is clogged with

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that there be created additional branches of the said court in Kidapawan City, North Cotabato.

This legislation seeks to further amend the provisions of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129 otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act and accordingly create an additional branch of Regional Trial Court in the Twelfth (12th) Judicial Region to be stationed at Kidapawan City, Province of North Cotabato.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly requested by the undersigned representative.


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AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF KIDAPAWAN, PROVINCE OF NORTH COTOBATO, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 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. One (1) additional Regional Trial Court branch for Kidapawan City, North Cotobato, with seat thereat, is hereby created in the Twelfth Judicial Region.

SECTION 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch number for the newly created branch.

SECTION 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 implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. Section 14 (m) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as " The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980," as amended, as well as other provisions that may be inconsistent herewith, is hereby deemed repealed , modified and / or further amended.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,