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HOUSE BILL NO. 5516

Introduced by: CONGRESSMAN ROMEO M. JALOSJOS, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

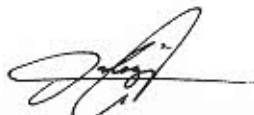
Based on the data and statistics of the **Office of the Court Administrator**, there are about **1,536 caseload** within the existing branch of the **Regional Trial Court at the Municipality of ipil, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay**, and it has been observed that the **manageable caseload per Regional Trial Court branch** will be at about **300 to 450 cases** to effectively discharge the speedy disposition of justice.

Section 16, Article 111 of the Constitution provides that individual person have the right to a speedy trial to read as follows: *"All person shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies."*

Considering the above stated caseload within the **Regional Trial Court of the Municipality of ipil, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay**, and likewise the increasing population, it is vulnerable that the volume of cases filed will also increase and this cause the clogging of court dockets that will result to a delay in the resolution of cases which will deprive the right of every individual provided under the above mentioned **Section 16 Article 111 of our Constitution**.

It was **two (2) decades ago**, the **Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980 (BP 129)** has been passed with ideal corresponding number of courts per judicial region has been allotted based on the exigencies existing at the time of enactment, but to no avail, yearly variation of population is of the essence were possible increase of the commission of crimes and other legal disputes will be brought to the court of justice as their refuge. Hence, creating **two (2) additional RTC branches in the Municipality of Ipil, province of Zamboanga Sibugay** is most urgently needed.

In view of the foregoing reasons, approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH IN THE 9TH JUDICIAL REGION STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF IPIL, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY, AND LIKEWISE AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA NO. 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. Two (2) additional Branches of the Regional Trial Court for the Municipality of Ipil, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay, with seats thereat, are hereby created in the 9th Judicial Region.

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

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 thereof shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. Section 14 (j) of the Batas Pambansa 129, otherwise known as " The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980." As amended, as well as other provisions that may be inconsistent with this Act is hereby amended, deemed repealed and modified.

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

Approved.