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EXPLANATORY NOTE

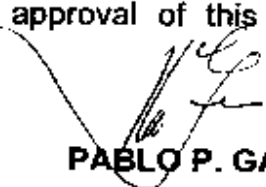
This bill seeks the creation of additional Regional Trial Court (RTC) to be stationed in the Municipality of Argao, Cebu, amending for the purpose Batas Pambansa Bilang 129 otherwise known as Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980

Section 16, Article 111 of our Constitution provides that: All persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial or administrative bodies."

The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980 (BP 129) allotted the corresponding number of courts in every judicial region based on the exigencies existing at that time. After twenty seven years of the passage of BP 129, the necessity to amend said law has come taking into consideration the increase in our population thus resulting to the increasing volume of cases filed and our courts dockets have been clogged causing the delay in the resolution of cases.

In order to improve the disposition and administration of justice and to ensure the right to a speedy trial, the number of courts must necessarily be increased.

In view of the forgoing provisions, the approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT
CREATING TWO ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE
MUNICIPALITY OF ARGAO, PROVINCE OF CEBU, FURTHER AMENDING FOR
THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
"THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND
APPROPRATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Two (2) additional Regional Trial Court branches for Argao, Cebu with seats thereat, are hereby created in the Seventh 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 Courts's program the implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. Section 14 (h) 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 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 of two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,