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HOUSE BILL NO. 5619

Introduced by: **REP. RACHEL MARGUERITE B. DEL MAR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Twenty seven years have passed since the effectivity of BP 129 – the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980 allotting the corresponding number of courts per judicial region based on the exigencies existing at that time.

Because of the increase in our population and the increase in the volume of cases filed, our courts dockets have been clogged and this has resulted in the delay in the resolution of cases.

Based from the data and recommendations of the Office of the Court Administrator, there were 8,515 active cases filed before the eight (8) existing branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities at Cebu City as of June 2011. The manageable caseload per MTCC branch ranges from 500 – 600, thus, the need to create 6 additional branches.

In the case of the Regional Trial Court in the Seventh Judicial Region at the City of Cebu, the combined caseload of its twenty-two (22) existing RTC branches is 10,399, with an average caseload of 473 per branch. Taking into consideration the manageable caseload of 300 – 400 per RTC branch, the ideal number of RTC branches for the said city is 23. Hence, the need to create an additional branch.

Approval of this bill is earnestly requested pursuant to Section 16, Article III of our Constitution which gives all persons the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies.


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AN ACT

CREATING SIX ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES AND AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF CEBU, PROVINCE OF CEBU, 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. Six (6) additional Municipal Trial Court in Cities branches and One (1) additional Regional Trial Court branch for Cebu City, Cebu in the Seventh Judicial Region, with seats thereat, are hereby created.

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 therefor shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriation Act.

SECTION 4. Section 14 (h) and 29 of Batas Pambasa 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.