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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 6743

Introduced by Representative Pedro B. Acharon, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish two additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Eleventh Judicial Region to be stationed at the Municipality of Polomolok, Province of South Cotabato, further amending for the purpose Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as the "*Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980*," as amended.

With the continuous deluge of cases, the disposition of court cases in the Municipality of Polomolok, Province of South Cotabato have become very slow. Thus, the administration of justice, being one of the primordial concerns and functions of the government, is oftentimes compromised.

The passage of this bill is necessary to provide impetus to Section 16 of Article II (*Bill of Rights*) which declares that, "*all persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial or administrative bodies.*"

The courts should serve the best interest of the public and answer the growing demand for the immediate resolution of cases which presently clog the dockets and slow down the dispensation of justice in Polomolok, South Cotabato. Hence, the creation of two additional branches of RTC in the Eleventh Judicial Region is of utmost importance for the people of Polomolok.

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


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AN ACT

CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF POLOMOLOK, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO, 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. Two (2) additional Regional Trial Court branches for Polomolok, South Cotabato, with seats thereat, are hereby created in the Eleventh Judicial Region.

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

SEC. 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. The funds necessary shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the court(s) and the appointment of its personnel.

SEC. 4. Section 14(I) 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.

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

Approved,