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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2218



Introduced by HON. BENHUR L. SALIMBANGON

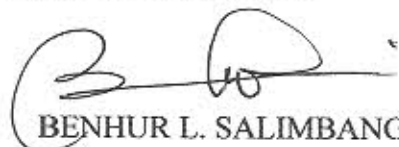
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the creation of seven (7) Municipal Trial Courts (MTC) in the 4th District of Cebu to be stationed at Bogo City, Daanbantayan, Madridejos, San Remigio, Tabogon, Tabuelan and Sta. Fe, Province of Cebu, amending for the purpose Batas Pambansa Blg. 129 otherwise known as the "Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1981" and appropriating funds therefor.

One of the constitutionally mandated rights of every Filipino is speedy disposition of his/her case. Such can only be attained if there are enough courts available to the public to hear and decide cases. At present, in the 4th district of Cebu which comprises of one (1) city and eight (8) municipalities only have three (3) municipal trial courts. One is located at Bogo City, another one (1) in Medellin which is a Municipal Circuit Trial Court which serves the municipalities of Medellin, San Remigio and Daanbantayan and another one (1) in Bantayan which is likewise a Municipal Circuit Trial Court serving three (3) municipalities namely, Bantayan, Madridejos and Sta. Fe. The cases under the jurisdiction of the municipalities of Tabuelan and Tabogon are circuited in the municipalities in Tuburan and Borbon, respectively, belonging in different congressional districts.

With the growing population in the district and the complexities brought about by economic and social developments there has been a steady increase in the number of cases in each municipalities. Ideally, there should be one court for each municipality however, this remains ideal as of the present.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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**AN ACT CREATING SEVEN (7) MUNICIPAL TRIAL
COURTS IN THE 4TH DISTRICT OF CEBU
TO BE STATIONED AT BOGO CITY, DAANBANTAYAN,
MADRIDEJOS, SAN REMIGIO, TABOGON, TABUELAN,
AND STA. FE, PROVINCE OF CEBU,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE "JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT
OF 1980", AND APPROPRIATING FUND THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. Seven (7) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court for the 4th District of Cebu is hereby created in the Seventh Judicial Region with seats at Bogo City, Daanbantayan, Madridejos, San Remigio, Tabogon, Tabuelan and Sta. Fe all in the Province of Cebu;

SECTION 2. 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 operationalization of the additional seven (7) Municipal Trial Courts;

SECTION 3. The Supreme Court shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act;

SECTION 4. The amount necessary for the creation of the Municipal Trial Courts shall be funded out of the appropriations for the Judiciary. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for its operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

APPROVED,