

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City



SIXTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 2260

Introduced by Representative Nicasio M. Aliping, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create two additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities and two additional branches of the Regional Trial Court, all with seats at Baguio City, by further amending for the purpose Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, as amended, otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980.

The City of Baguio has been in existence as a chartered city for 104 years. Being an urban center, the city attracts migrants that contribute to the rapid growth of its resident population. The attendant problems brought about by the increase in population carried the corresponding increase in the number of cases handled by the courts stationed at Baguio City.

Additionally, the city being the summer capital of the Philippines and the educational center of the North, also experiences the influx of a large number of transients. Tourists and vacationers flock to the city in summer; out of town students, several with members of their families, live in the city during the regular school year; traders, professionals, and other workers conduct business in the city regularly throughout the year. The city's population is thus altogether bloated. This in no small measure adds burden to the already heavy workload of the courts and slows down the disposition of cases.

The passage of this bill will help expedite the disposition of cases, whether they involve permanent residents or transients, and give impetus to Section 16, Article III (Bill of Rights) of the Constitution which declares that "All persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies."

Approval of this bill is thus fervently requested.


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AN ACT
CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE
MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL
BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FIRST
JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF
BAGUIO, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS
PAMBANSA BLG. 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
"THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", 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 Municipal Trial Court in Cities branches and two (2) additional Regional Trial Court branches for Baguio City, with seats thereat, are hereby created in the First 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 for the operation of the courts herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the courts and the appointment of its personnel.

SEC. 4. Sections 14 (a) and 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, as amended, as well as other provisions that may be inconsistent herewith, are hereby deemed repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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,