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HOUSE BILL NO. 2284

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ANSARUDDIN A.M. A. ADIONG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Province of Lanao del Sur to be stationed at the Municipality of Ditsaan-Ramain.

It is often said that justice delayed is justice denied. Section 16, Article III of the 1987 Philippine Constitution stated that "all persons shall have a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial and administrative bodies.

With the growing population in Lanao del Sur and the increasing volume of cases filed before the Regional Trial Courts in Marawi City, Wao and Malabang, ordinary party-litigants, especially the poor, no longer have adequate access to justice.

Hence, there is a pressing need to institute judicial reforms in the province of Lanao del Sur. The creation of an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court at the Municipality of Ditsaan-Ramain will surely de-clog court dockets in the province.

The approval of this bill is earnestly sought for.

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AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF LANA DEL SUR TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF DITSAAN-RAMAIN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (M) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 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. Section 14, paragraph (m) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as the "Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 14. *Regional Trial Courts.* -

"X X X

"(m) Twenty-seven Regional Trial Court Judges shall be commissioned for the Twelfth Judicial Region. There shall be:

"Seven branches with seats thereat for the Province of Lanao del Sur and the City of Marawi, with seats at Marawi City, Malabang, Wao and **DITSAAN-RAMAIN**;

"X X X"

SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of Ditsaan-Ramain, Province of Lanao del Sur in accordance with this Act.

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 operationalization of the additional regional trial court branch in the Province of Lanao del Sur, with station at the Municipality of Ditsaan-Ramain, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,