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HOUSE BILL NO. 2701



Introduced by: **REP. EVELINA G. ESCUDERO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article 3, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides " All persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies.

This bill seeks to crate additional branch of Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the Province of Sorsogon. Because of the volume of cases that loads the three existing RTC branches in the Province of Sorsogon the expeditious disposition of cases indeed is halt.

The creation of additional court is necessary to realize the constitutional principle in the effective delivery of justice. Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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EVELINA G. ESCUDERO

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AN ACT
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT (RTC) IN THE 5TH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT SORSOGON CITY, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON. FURTHER, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE 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. One (1) additional Regional Trial Court branch for Sorsogon City, with seat thereat, is hereby created in the 5th Judicial Region;

SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number for the newly created branch;

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 therefore shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The funds necessary for the operation of the Court herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the Court and the appointment of its personnel;

SEC. 4. Section 14 (e) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended as well as other provisions that may be inconsistent herewith are hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further amended;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,