

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2739



Introduced by HON. MANUEL M. IWAY

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the City of Guihulngan, Province of Negros Oriental, by amending for the purpose pertinent provisions of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129 otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended.

The creation of an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed in the City of Guihulngan, Province of Negros Oriental is consistent with the judiciary's thrust to deliver speedy justice and in order to carry out the constitutional mandate provided under Section 16, Article III of the Bill of Rights that "All persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies."

To date, the lone Regional Trial Court (Branch 64) in the City of Guihulngan is swamped with cases. As of July 31, 2013, the Court now has a total of 695 pending cases, more than three-fourths of which are criminal in nature.

Thus, in order to help decongest or reduce the backlog of cases in the lone Regional Trial Court, Branch 62, in the City of Guihulngan, the creation of an additional Regional Trial Court branch in the city is clearly imperative.

In view of the foregoing approval of this bill is urgently and earnestly sought.


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AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF GUIHULNGAN, PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (H), 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. There is hereby created an additional Regional Trial Court branch in the Seventh Judicial Region with seat at the City of Guihulngan, Province of Negros Oriental.

The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the newly created branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Seventh Judicial Region.

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 an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed at the City of Guihulngan, Province of Negros Oriental, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. Section 14 (h) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980" as amended, and all laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,