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House Bill No. **3145**

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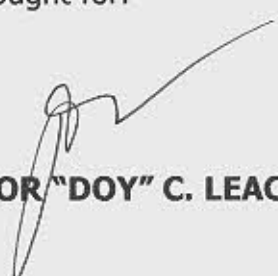
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The bill seeks to establish/create an additional branches of the Regional Trial Court (2, one is a Family Court) as well as the Municipal Trial Court (1) in the First (1st) District of Oriental Mindoro to be stationed at Calapan City and the Municipality of Baco, respectively.

Section 16, Article III of our 1987 Constitution guarantees each person the right to a speedy trial when it provides that, "All persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies." The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980 (BP129) allotted the corresponding number of courts per judicial region based on the exigencies existing at that time.

More than thirty (30) years have passed since the effectivity of BP 129, hence, because of the increase in our population and the increase in the volume of cases filed, and in order to de clog court dockets and improve the disposition and administration of justice—to ensure and guarantee every person's right to a speedy trial, the number of courts must necessarily be increased.

Therefore, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought for.


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AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL COURTS, NAMELY: ONE (1) MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT WITH SEAT AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACO, ONE (1) FAMILY COURT AND ONE (1) REGIONAL TRIAL COURT WITH BOTH SEATS AT CALAPAN CITY, ALL IN THE 1ST DISTRICT OF ORIENTAL MINDORO, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Two (2) additional courts, namely: one (1) Family Court and one (1) Regional Trial Court, all in the 1st District of Oriental Mindoro with seats at Calapan City, are hereby created.

SECTION 2. One (1) additional Municipal Trial Court with a seat at the Municipality of Baco, Oriental Mindoro is hereby also created, thereby limiting the jurisdiction of the current Municipal Circuit Trial Court seated at the Municipality of San Teodoro, Oriental Mindoro to cases within the territorial competence of the Municipalities of San Teodoro and Puerto Galera only, both in the 1st District of Oriental Mindoro.

SECTION 3. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created courts.

SECTION 4. 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 thereof shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

SECTION 5. Sections 14 (e), 30 and 31 of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, as well as other provisions that may be inconsistent herewith, is hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further amended.

SECTION 6. 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,