

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SIXTEENTH (16TH) CONGRESS

House Bill No. 4839



Introduced by : Hon. Marie Anne S. Pernes

AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE LARENA, PROVINCE OF SIKUIJOR, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create one (1) additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Province of Siquijor .

“Administration of justice is the whole plenitude of adjudication and dispensation of justice. Justice, is the whole gamut of what is just, equitable and conscionable¹. “

The growing population of the province resulting to the political , social and economic interactions among its inhabitants led to the dramatic increase in the number of court litigations and disputes. With this trend, it is to be expected that there will also be an increase in the number of backlog cases already existing in the courts.

Therefore, there is an urgent need for the creation of one (1) additional branch of Regional Trial Court of Siquijor to reflect and give life to the truism that “Justice delayed is justice denied” and provide the people of Siquijor speedy disposition of their cases.

¹ Delay in the Administration of Justice at the Magistrate Court – Factors Responsible and Solution, by: Yusuf O. Alis, San

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this measure is earnestly sought.

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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 Siquijor, Siquijor, with seats thereat, are hereby created in the Seventh Judicial Region. *lâwphil*

Section 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches.

Section 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Courts 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 Courts herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the Courts and the appointment of its personnel.

Section 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.

Section 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.