

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SIXTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. **5594**



INTRODUCED BY REP. MAXIMO B. DALOG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in Mountain Province to be stationed in the municipality of Paracelis.

The municipality of Paracelis, Mountain Province is 225 kilometers away from the capital town of Bontoc, Mountain Province where the Regional Trial Courts are located. The litigants who come from this town will have to travel more than ten (10) hours at least, passing through three other provinces, the provinces of Ifugao, Isabela and Nueva Vizcaya just to attend hearings in the said trial courts. In fact, one of the reasons why most of the cases originating from the municipality of Paracelis get dismissed is because the complainants and their witnesses fail to appear before the RTCs in Bontoc because of the difficulty and cost of travel.

The creation of an additional branch is supported by the Integrated Bar of the Philippines-Mountain Province Chapter due to the great injustice and social inequity to the litigants brought about by the far distance of the nearest RTC located in the capital town of Bontoc from the municipality of Paracelis.

In view of the foregoing and the increasing number of cases originating from said municipality, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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HOUSE BILL NO. 5594

AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PARACELIS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 PARAGRAPH (A) 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. An additional branch of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed in the municipality of Paracelis is hereby created in the First Judicial Region.

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

Sec. 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 the additional branch of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed in the municipality of Paracelis, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

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

Approved,