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HOUSE BILL NO. 5808



Introduced by : **Honorable George P. Arnaiz**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

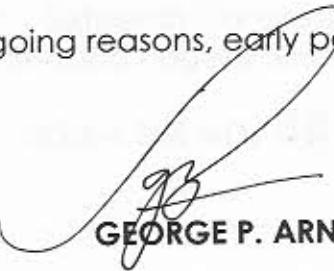
Tanjay City was created by virtue of Republic Act 9026 otherwise known as "An act converting the Municipality of Tanjay, province of Negros Oriental into a component city to be known as the City of Tanjay". The Act was approved and signed by President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo on March 5, 2001. This act, which is a consolidation of House Bill No. 8880 and Senate Bill No. 2256, was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on February 8, 2001. Tanjay was finally proclaimed a component city on April 1, 2001 after a plebiscite was conducted for the purpose.

According to the 2010 census, it has a population of 79,098 people. However, the city's population had significantly grown increasing its needs to provide better service to its constituents. Accordingly, its charter should be appropriately amended to take account of various circumstances and times.

Therefore, this bill aims to amend the city's charter by creating the office of Register of Deeds, servicing the city. As of today, the 2nd Congressional District has two (2) Register of Deeds located in the cities of Dumaguete and Bais. However, considering that Tanjay City is several kilometers away from Dumaguete City and Bais City, the people in Tanjay City had to travel a great distance before they can have their lands registered or obtain copies of their land titles. The amount of time, money and energy spend traveling such distances have made the process of registration unduly taxing upon the people.

The establishment of a Branch of the Office of the Registry of Deeds in the City of Tanjay, Oriental Negros will relieve the registries of this burden and bring the service of the government closer to the people of the Second District of Oriental Negros. Corollary, it bears noting that Tanjay City has a Regional Trial Court where they may conveniently file their petitions for issuance of land titles.

In view of the foregoing reasons, early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TANJAY
FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING THE OFFICES OF REGISTER OF DEEDS

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

SECTION 1. Article VIII is hereby amended and two new sections, under the said article, to be known as Sections 51 and 52 are hereby inserted between Sections 50 and 51, to read as follows:

Article VIII

"The City Fire Station Service, The City Jail Service, The City School Division, The City Prosecution Service and the **City Register of Deeds**"

"Section 51. The City Register of Deeds Office.-There shall be established in the City as registry of deeds office, subject to the standards, rules and regulations as may be promulgated by the Department of Justice (DOJ), and shall discharge its duties under the general supervision of the administrator of the Land Registration Authority and the Secretary of the DOJ."

"Section 52. The City Register of Deeds. - (a) The registry of deeds shall be the head of the City Registry of Deeds Office. He must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City, of good moral character, a member of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines and must have practiced his profession for at least five years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

(b) The city register of deeds shall receive such compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

(c) The city register of deeds shall take charge of the City Registry of Deeds Office and shall perform such duties and functions, and exercise such other powers as may be provided by law."

Then, renumber Sections 51 through 63 as Sections 53 through 65, respectively.

SECTION 2. Separability Clause. – If for any reason, any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Repealing Clause – Any law, presidential decree or issuances, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

SECTION 4. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,