

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

SIXTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5823



Introduced by **Honorable Oscar "Richard" S. Garin, Jr.**
1st District, Iloilo

**"AN ACT CREATING A MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT FOR THE
MUNICIPALITY OF TIGBAUAN, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create a Municipal Trial Court for the Municipality of Tigbauan, in the Province of Iloilo.

Our Constitution provides that "Free access to the courts and quasi-judicial bodies and adequate legal assistance shall not be denied to any person by reason of poverty" and "all persons shall have the right to speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies." (Article III, Section 11 and 16, The 1987 Constitution of the Philippines.)

Presently, the 15th Municipal Circuit Trial Court stationed in the Municipality of Guimbal Iloilo has jurisdiction over cases coming from the municipalities of Guimbal, Tigbauan, Igbaras and Tubungan, all in the Province of Iloilo. Half of the court's caseload comes from the Municipality of Tigbauan. This invariably leads to the unnecessary clogging of the court's docket, which can be immediately and effectively remedied by creating a separate municipal trial court to hear all cases emanating from the Municipality of Tigbauan.

In view of the foregoing considerations, the approval of the bill is strongly recommended.


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

Section 1. An additional of one (1) Municipal Trial Court for the First District of Iloilo is hereby created in the Sixth Judicial Region stationed at the Municipality of Tigbauan, Province of Iloilo.

Section 2. The Supreme Court of the Philippines shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

Section 3. The Office of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, in coordination with the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Justice shall immediately include in its program the operationalization of the Municipal Trial Court of the Municipality of Tigbauan, Province of Iloilo, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,