

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SIXTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 6403



Introduced by Hon. Fernando V. Gonzalez

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to establish a Registry of Deeds in the City of Ligao in the Province of Albay.

The intent is to bring the services of the National Government closer to the people of the Ligao City.

The City has a vast and growing population of 104,914 in 2010 and a total land area of 24,640 hectares, making it the ~~second~~ largest city in the Province of Albay in terms of land area.

The services rendered by the Registry of Deeds are thus, proportionately warranted given this population size and land area. Likewise, the City has been experiencing a rise in the demand for services related to land registrations owing to massive opening of subdivisions and relocation sites for displaced population of Albay. To transact official business with the Registry of Deeds, the people of Ligao need to travel a considerable distance to the nearest Registry of Deeds offices in the City of Legaspi and the City of Naga before they can register the documents affecting their lands. Often, they need to engage in four to five transactions before their needs are attended to and/or concluded. This situation makes the registration process even more tedious, cumbersome and expensive, hence, a disservice to the peoples' interest.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.

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**AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A REGISTRY OF DEEDS OF ALBAY IN THE CITY OF LIGAO,
PROVINCE OF ALBAY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established a Registry of Deeds of Albay in the City of Ligao, Province of Albay.

SECTION 2. The Registry of Deeds shall be headed by a Deputy Register of Deeds to be appointed by the Secretary of Justice upon the recommendation of the Administrator of the Land Registration Authority. The Deputy Register of Deeds shall be assisted by a staff to be appointed by the Administrator.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Justice shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 4. The Department of Justice shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Registry of Deeds in the City of Ligao, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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