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EXPLANATORY NOTE

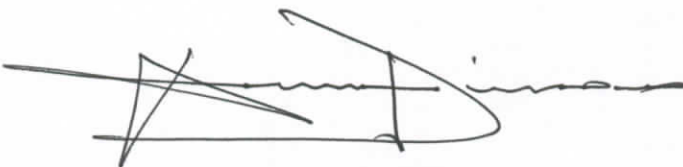
The present situation of the Regional Trial Courts for the Province of Lanao del Norte and Iligan City with seats in Iligan City is already congested and geographically distant to the far-flung municipalities of the Province of Lanao del Norte. It is the objective of this bill to transfer the seats of the two Regional Trial Court Branches with jurisdiction on the municipalities of the Province of Lanao del Norte.

The Province of Lanao del Norte, with population over six hundred thousand, will need the courts to hear the criminal and civil cases that were being filed closer to their domicile, to prevent undue delays in the proceedings and disposition of cases. This bill enshrines the legal maxim of justice delayed is justice denied.

The transfer of seats and the addition of two (2) branches of the Regional Trial Courts to the Provincial Capital of Lanao del Norte, the Municipality of Tubod will be for the benefit of the people of Lanao del Norte. It will make our justice system more accessible to the people, because it is our primary mandate to better serve the Filipino people.

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


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1 **AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE SEATS OF TWO (2) BRANCHES OF THE**
2 **REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE TO**
3 **BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUBOD AND CREATING TWO**
4 **(2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES IN OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE**
5 **PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE**
6 **SECTION 14 (M) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS**
7 **"THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND**
8 **APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

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13 **SECTION 1.** Two (2) of the existing Regional Trial Court Branches for the
14 Municipality of Tubod and Kapatagan, with seats at Iligan City are hereby transferred
15 to the Municipality of Tubod, Lanao del Norte.

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17 **SECTION 2.** Two (2) Branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Province of Lanao
18 del Norte are hereby created, with seats in the Municipality of Tubod, Lanao del
19 Norte.

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21 **SECTION 3.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the
22 Secretary of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the
23 implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall likewise be included in the
24 annual General Appropriations Act. The funds necessary for the operation of the
25 Court herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual
26 organization of the Court and the appointment of its personnel.

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28 **SECTION 4.** Section 14 (m) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The
29 Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980" as amended, as well as other provisions that
30 may be inconsistent herewith, are hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further
31 amended.

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

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5 Approved,