

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. **6510**



Introduced by REP. EVELINA G. ESCUDERO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create an additional Regional Trial Court in Cumadcad, Castilla, Sorsogon which will have jurisdiction over the municipalities of Castilla, Pilar and Donsol.

Currently, the Regional Trial Courts with jurisdiction over the said municipalities is located in Sorsogon City.

The creation of a regional trial court for Castilla, Pilar and Donsol will unclog the dockets of Sorsogon City and will allow for speedier justice. This will also make it more convenient for parties to obtain justice.

Thus, passage of this proposed measure is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF CASTILLA PROVINCE OF SORSOGON, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE 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. One (1) additional Regional Tnal Court branch for the Municipalities of Castilla, Pilar and Donsol Sorsogon, with seat at Cumadcad, Castilla, Sorsogon, is hereby created in the Fifth Judicial Region.

SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch number for the newly created branch.

SEC. 3. 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 implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The funds necessary for the operation of the court herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the court and the appointment of its personnel.

SEC. 4. Section 14(f) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization of 1980", as amended, as well as other provisions that may be inconsistent herewith, is hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further amended.

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

Approved,