

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City
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House Bill No. **10160**



Introduced by Representative 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 Court 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 speedy 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 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CASTILLA, PROVINCE OF
SORSOGON AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION FOURTEEN (14) F OF BATAS PAMBANSA
BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY
REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED**

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

Section 1. One (1) additional branch of the Regional Trial Court is hereby created in the Fifth Judicial Region to be stationed in the Municipality of Castilla, Province of Sorsogon.

The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number for the newly created branch of the Regional Trial Court.

Sec. 2. 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 operationalization of the additional branch of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed in the Municipality of Castilla, Province of Sorsogon, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 3. Section 14 (f) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as the “The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980 ”, as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,