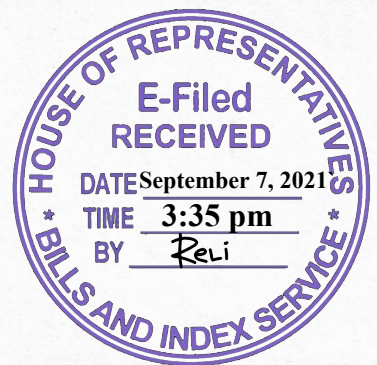


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The province of Misamis Oriental is located in Region 10 and is considered the gateway to Northern Mindanao. It has one highly urbanized city, Cagayan de Oro, which is the capital and the regional center of Northern Mindanao and two component cities, Gingoog and El Salvador. It has twenty-three (23) municipalities, nine (9) of which are located in the Western portion and fourteen (14) in the Eastern portion.

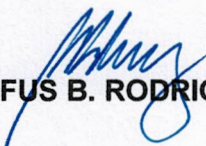
Based on the 2020 census, the population of the province of Misamis Oriental, excluding Cagayan de Oro is 956,900.

There is an undeniable increase in the socio-economic activities in the province and many industries and factories are located there. The 3,000-hectare PHIVIDEA Industrial Estate is in Misamis Oriental.

With this and the increasing population, unfortunately, the Courts in the Province are being overwhelmed, resulting in the unintentional violation of the people's right to "a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies".

Hence, this proposed bill to create an additional two (2) branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Province of Misamis Oriental to be stationed one in Initao, Misamis Oriental and another Tagoloan, Misamis Oriental to address the backlog of cases in the Province.

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


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AN ACT

CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED ONE (1) IN INITAO, MISAMIS ORIENTAL AND ANOTHER IN TAGOLOAN, MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(k) 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. Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Tenth Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed one in Initao, Misamis Oriental and another in Tagoloan, Misamis Oriental.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches 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 two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in Initao, Misamis Oriental and Tagoloan, Misamis Oriental. The funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Section 14(k) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "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 a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,