

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1864

Introduced by Rep. Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo

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

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

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11 **SECTION 1.** Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Twelfth
12 Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the Municipality of Tubod,
13 Province of Lanao del Norte.

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15 The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created
16 branches of the Regional Trial Court.

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18 **SECTION 2.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the
19 Secretary of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court’s program the
20 operationalization of the additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the
21 Municipality of Tubod, Province of Lanao del Norte. The funds necessary for the
22 operation of the Courts herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon
23 the actual organization of the Court and the appointment of its personnel.

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25 **SECTION 3.** Section 14 (m) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as “The
26 Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980” as amended, as well as other provisions that
27 may be inconsistent herewith, are hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further
28 amended.

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

Approved,

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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 create two additional 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 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.

As a refiled bill from the previous Congress, and in view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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First District, Lanao del Norte

