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House Bill No. 2042



Introduced by **HON. KRISTINE ALEXIE B. TUTOR**
Third District, Bohol

Explanatory Note

This bill seeks to create an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) in Bohol to be stationed in the municipality of Valencia.

While the Third District of Bohol is composed of nineteen (19) municipalities within its jurisdiction, only less than a handful of RTCs serve within its territory. With the increasing demographic and economic growth in the area, the continuing lack of available court salas is starting build up a serious backlog of legal cases, immensely delaying the administration of justice to constituents often burdened with the difficulty and costs of settling their legal disputes elsewhere. In accordance with the constitutional mandate of ensuring the right to speedy disposition of cases, it is hoped that the creation of an additional RTC branch in Valencia, Bohol will help relieve the case congestion in the whole Province.

In view of the foregoing and in the interest of expeditious and competent delivery of justice, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN
THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE
MUNICIPALITY OF VALENCIA, BOHOL, 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:*

1 **SECTION 1.** An additional Regional Trial Court branch for the
2 Municipality of Valencia, Province of Bohol, with seat thereat, is hereby created
3 in the Seventh Judicial Region.

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5 **SEC. 2.** The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number for the newly
6 created branch.

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8 **SEC. 3.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the
9 Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court’s
10 program the implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall likewise be
11 included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The funds necessary for the
12 operation of the Court herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon
13 the actual organization of the Court and the appointment of its personnel.

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15 **SEC. 4.** Section 14(h) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as
16 “The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980”, as amended, as well as other
17 provisions that may be inconsistent herewith, are hereby deemed repealed,
18 modified, and/ or further amended.

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

Approved.