



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 3796



Introduced by
REP. PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ

AN ACT
CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTION 14 (L) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION
ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED

EXPLANATORY NOTE

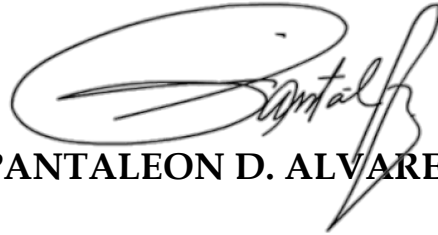
This bill seeks to assign additional branches of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the Island Garden of Samal, Province of Davao del Norte and the municipalities of Compostela, Nabunturan, and Mabini in the province of Compostela Valley, hereby amending for the purpose Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980.

Due to the difficulty of going to the nearest RTC, the parties involved in a case often find themselves late or discouraged in attending to scheduled hearings to settle controversies resulting in the failure in the administration of justice on the part of court officials. There had been complaints from litigants who find themselves in a quandary because of their inability to be present at said court hearings on time and, worse, cases are dismissed due to the absence of complainants who were discouraged by the distance they have to travel.

Furthermore, because of the strong economic climate in the municipalities where additional trial courts are to be created, many inhabitants both within the province of Compostela Valley and nearby

provinces are drawn towards finding greener pasture in these areas. The influx of people from several places have resulted in an increase of population which contributes to an increase in cases in courts. The absence of additional courts is synonymous to denying the residents of the Island Garden City of Samal and the aforementioned municipalities effective access to justice.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

SECTION 1. Four (4) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Eleventh Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed as follows:

(a) One (1) additional branch in the Island Garden City of Samal, Province of Davao del Norte; and

(b) One branch each in municipalities of Compostela, Nabunturan and Mabini, all in the province of Compostela Valley.

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 three (3) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Eleventh Judicial Region, the

funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Section 14 (1) 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 it's publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,