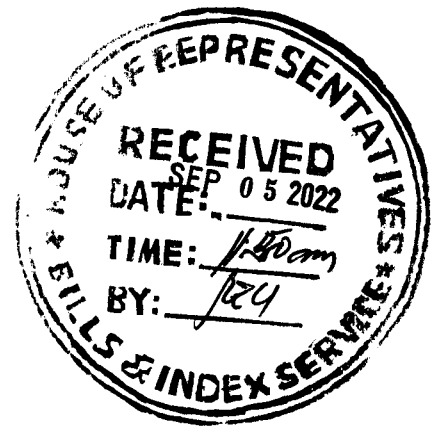


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HOUSE BILL NO. 4408



Introduced by **REP. FERJENEL G. BIRON, M.D.**

AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF PASSI, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (G) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED

EXPLANATORY NOTE

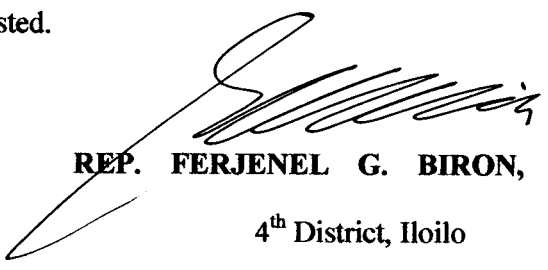
This bill seeks to create two (2) additional Regional Trial Court branches for the Province of Iloilo with seats at the Component City of Passi.

The present Regional Trial Court (RTC) Branch 68 in the Municipality of Dumangas cannot accommodate and hear the huge volume of criminal, civil and other cases that are filed on the average thirty to forty (30 – 40) every month, thus creating backlogs of these cases. The territorial jurisdiction of the present RTC Branch 68 that covers nine (9) big municipalities and one (1) component city could hardly be attended by a single presiding judge, so that the administration of justice could hardly be served and the disposition of cases cannot be done expeditiously.

Thus, congruent with the constitutional fiat that "*All persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies*", it is therefore imperative that two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Courts be created in the component City of Passi.

The proposed act was principally authored by Rep. Braeden John Q. Biron during the 18th Congress and referred to the Committee on Justice. It was approved by the House of Representatives on Third Reading and transmitted to the Senate.

Approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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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 Sixth Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the City of Passi, Province of Iloilo.

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, will include in the Court's program the operationalization of the additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the City of Passi, Province of Iloilo. The funds necessary for the operation of the courts herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the courts and the appointment of its personnel.

SEC. 3. Section 14 (g) 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,