



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

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 4999



Introduced by
REP. PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ

AN ACT
CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES (MTCC) IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF TAGUM, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (L) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to assign additional branches of the Municipal Trial Courts In Cities (MTCC) in the City of Tagum, Province of Davao del Norte, hereby amending for the purpose Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980.

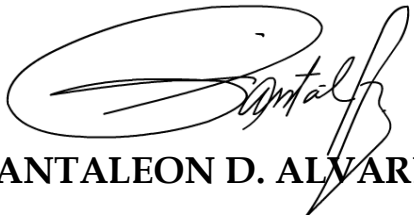
The lone MTCC in the City of Tagum, Province of Davao del Norte, currently has Five Hundred Forty-Six (546) docket of cases as of July 2022 and the number of cases is steadily increasing. Compounding to this is the effectivity of Republic Act 15766, which has expanded the jurisdiction of the Municipal Trial Courts in Cities.

According to the latest population census by the Philippine Statistics Authority, the City of Tagum has a population of 259, 444 since 2015. It is essential to establish two more MTCC in the City of Tagum to make sure the people have access to speedy disposition of their cases. The

clogging of court dockets due to piling up of cases limits the number of cases being tried on a day-to-day basis.

The creation of two (2) more MTCC in the City of Tagum, Province of Davao del Norte will profoundly help in addressing the delay in the resolution of cases and shall better serve the needs of the growing populace in bringing justice closer to them. Furthermore, creating additional trial courts will aid in the speedy disposition of cases by unclogging the court dockets.

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. Two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Courts in Cities (MTCC) for the City of Tagum, with seats thereat, are hereby created and stationed in the Eleventh Judicial Region.

SECTION 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 Municipal Trial Courts in Cities (MTCC) in the Eleventh Judicial Region, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 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 its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,