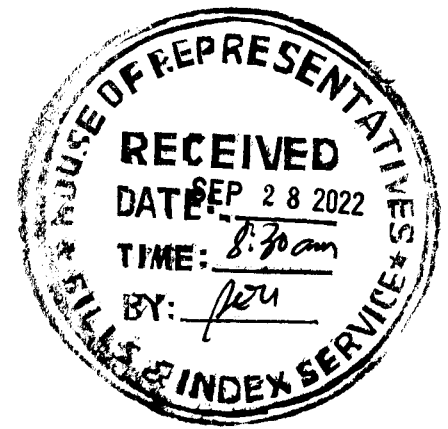


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

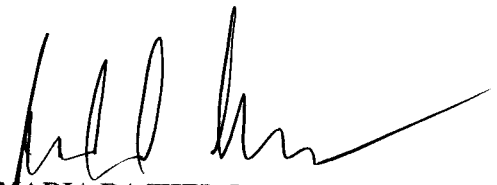
This Bill seeks to create three (3) additional branches for the Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC) stationed in San Carlos City, Province of Pangasinan within the First Judicial Region.

The need is compelling and urgent specially because of the increase in the number of small claims, where decisions must be rendered within 24 hours, and the enactment of Republic Act No. 115761 raising the baseline jurisdiction of regional trial courts and other courts including municipal trial court in cities, expanding the coverage of their jurisdiction.

To put it in perspective, it must be pointed out that the City of Dagupan, in the same province, which has 31 Barangays, has three (3) MTCCs whereas, San Carlos City, considered the most populous with 86 Barangays, has only one (1) MTCC, which is seriously deficient.

This Bill hopes to address longstanding issues of congestion of cases pending in court dockets. The creation of these courts, with their additional manpower and other resources, will enable the swift resolution of cases as mandated under Section 16, Article III of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, that "*All persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies,*" and promote justice.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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

Section 1. Three additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities to be stationed in the City of San Carlos in the Province of Pangasinan, are hereby created in the First Judicial Region.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches of Municipal Trial Court in Cities.

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 three (3) additional branches of municipal trial court in cities to be stationed in San Carlos City, Province of Pangasinan, in the First Judicial Region, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. 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.

Section 3. Section 29 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.

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

Approved,