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HOUSE BILL NO. 6168



Introduced by HON. JOSE S. AQUINO II

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create two (2) additional branches of Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the City of Butuan, Agusan del Norte.

The increase of population in the province coupled with the volume of cases that load the existing RTC branches in Butuan City, resulted in the unreasonable delay in the immediate resolution of the cases which runs counter to Section 16, Article III of the 1987 Constitution which provides that "(a) all persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies."

The creation of additional RTC branches in the Butuan City will realize the constitutional provision in the effective delivery of justice. This will remedy the legal situation in the city and clear the courts dockets allowing speedy disposition of cases and peaceful relations.

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


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AN ACT
CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
(RTC) IN BUTUAN CITY, AGUSAN DEL NORTE, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (K) OF 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:

SECTION 1. There shall be created two (2) additional branches of Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the City of Butuan, Agusan del Norte.

SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches of the Regional Trial Court.

SEC. 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the operationalization of the branches of the RTC. The funding therefore shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The funds necessary for the operation of the Court herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the Court and the appointment of its personnel.

SEC. 4. This Act hereby amends Section 14(k) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as “The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980” as amended. All laws, decrees, orders,

rules and regulations, other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspaper of national circulation.

Approved,