

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

Nineteenth Congress  
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HOUSE BILL NO. **6488**



Introduced by **HONORABLE JOCELYN SY LIMKAICHONG**

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS IN THE CITY  
OF GUIHULNGAN, PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING  
FUNDS THEREOF**

**Explanatory Note**

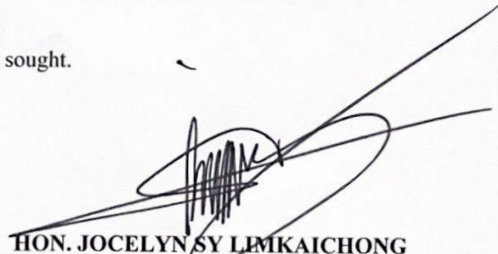
This Bill seeks to establish an Office of the Registry of Deeds in the City of Guihulngan, Province of Negros Oriental.

The Municipality of Guihulngan was converted into a component city of the Province of Negros Oriental by virtue of Republic Act No. 9409, "An Act Converting the Municipality of Guihulngan in the Province of Negros Oriental into a Component City to be known as the City of Guihulngan," passed into law on March 24, 2007. On July 14, 2007, it was converted into the City of Guihulngan upon ratification of its creation through a plebiscite conducted for said purpose.

In a recent census released by the Philippine Statistics Authority, the City of Guihulngan has a population of 102,656 as of May 2020, making it the third most populous city in the province. At present, the registration of conveyances and transfers involving parcels of land in Guihulngan City, and chattel mortgages, are under the jurisdiction of the Register of Deeds for the Province of Negros Oriental located in Dumaguete City. The distance between the Guihulngan City and the Dumaguete City is approximately 116 kilometers or a 2 ½ hour drive. Taking this into consideration, coupled with the skyrocketing cost of fuel and fare, the creation of the Guihulngan City's own registry office is highly imperative.

Further, pursuant to Section 7 of P.D. No. 1529, there shall be at least one Register of Deeds for each province, and one for each city. The establishment of the Office of the Registry of Deeds in the City of Guihulngan will relieve the existing Registry of deeds situated in Dumaguete City of overburden and bring government services, faster and more cost-efficient for the people of Guihulngan City and nearby municipalities.

For these reasons, the approval 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.** There is hereby established the Office of the Register of Deeds in the City of Guihulngan, Province of Negros Oriental.

**SECTION 2.** The Register of Deeds of the City of Guihulngan shall be appointed by the Secretary of Justice upon the recommendation of the Land Registration Authority. The Register shall be assisted by a staffing complement to be appointed by the Secretary of Justice upon the recommendation of the Administrator of the Land Registration Authority in accordance with existing laws.

**SECTION 3.** The Register of Deeds of the City of Guihulngan shall be under the direct supervision and control of the Secretary of Justice. The latter shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this Act.

**SECTION 4.** The Register of Deeds for Dumaguete City shall as soon as practicable transfer and turn over to the Office of the Register of Deeds in the City of Guihulngan all documents or records relating to properties and transactions pertaining to the latter's jurisdiction.

**SECTION 5.** The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriation of the Department of Justice under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the said branch office shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 6.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

**Approved,**