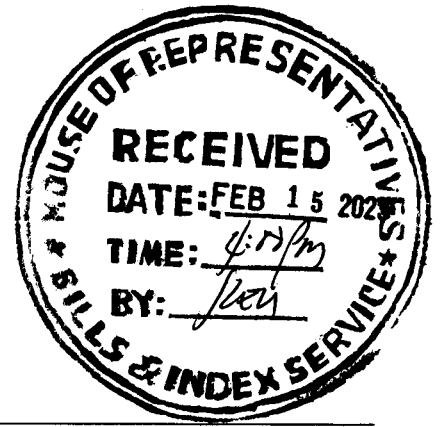


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

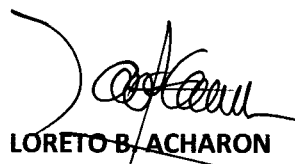
This bill seeks the establishment of a Shari'ah Judicial District covering the provinces of Sarangani, South Cotabato and the City of General Santos, a Shari'ah District Court permanently stationed in City of General Santos, and one (1) Shari'ah Circuit Court each in the City of General Santos, Koronadal and Municipality of Alabel, amending for the purpose Presidential Decree No. 1083.

Presidential Decree No. 1083, otherwise known as the "Code of Muslim Personal Laws of the Philippines" recognizes the legal system of Muslims in the Philippines as part of the laws of the land, for which purpose the creation of Shari'ah judicial districts and circuit courts responsible for the administration and enforcement of legal remedies are provided.

In addition to that, RA No. 11054, otherwise known as the Bangsamoro Organic Law, further expanded the scope of Shari'ah Law under our present legal system by allowing the Bangsamoro Parliament to enact laws pertaining to personal, family and property law.

The establishment of Shari'ah District Courts in the Cities of General Santos, Koronadal and the Municipality of Alabel under a new Shari'ah Judicial District will allow our fellow Filipino Muslims in the area to a more accessible, effective and efficient administration of justice.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN
ACT CREATING A SHARI'AH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COVERING THE PROVINCES OF SOUTH COTABATO AND SARANGANI, AND THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS, A SHARI'AH DISTRICT COURT IN THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS, AND ONE (1) SHARI'AH CIRCUIT COURT EACH IN THE CITIES OF GENERAL SANTOS AND KORONADAL AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALABEL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1083, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. A Shari'ah Judicial District is hereby created covering the Provinces of South Cotabato and Sarangani and the City of General Santos.

SEC. 2. An additional branch of the Shari'ah District Court is hereby created to be permanently stationed in the City of General Santos.

SEC. 3. Three (3) additional branches of the Shari'ah Circuit Courts to be established in the City of General Santos, City of Koronadal, in the Province of South Cotabato and Municipality of Alabel, in the Province of Sarangani.

SEC. 4. The Supreme Court shall assign the judicial district and respective branch numbers for the newly created Shari'ah Judicial District, District and Circuit Courts

SEC. 5. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall immediately include in the Court's program the implementation of this Act. The amount 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. 6. Presidential Decree No. 1083, otherwise known as the "Code of Muslim Personal Laws in the Philippines", as amended, and all other laws, rules, and regulations inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. Effectivity – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

APPROVED.