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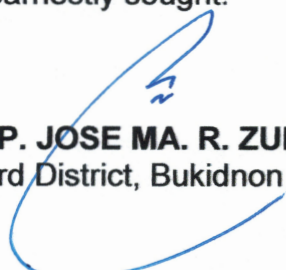
Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE JOSE MA. R. ZUBIRI, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 11, Article III, of the 1987 Constitution provides that Free access to the courts and quasi-judicial bodies and adequate legal assistance shall not be denied to any person by reason of poverty. The establishment of additional courts guarantees this right of the people under the Constitution as justice is made more accessible.

Likewise, the establishment of a Regional Trial Court have significant benefits for the local community. It will improve access to justice as constituents will no longer need to travel long distances to reach the nearest Regional Trial Court which can be both time-consuming and costly. A nearer court would help ensure that their legal rights are protected and disputes are resolved more efficiently. This is particularly important for cases that require urgent attention. A nearer court would also mean a faster resolution of cases—something that is essential for maintaining public trust in the judicial system.

Given the foregoing, this bill seeks to establish a Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of Quezon in the Third District of Bukidnon as this will promote greater social stability and respect for the law in the area. As such, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE 10TH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(K) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980" AS AMENDED

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

Sec. 1. One (1) additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Tenth Judicial Region is hereby created and stationed in the Municipality of Quezon, Province of Bukidnon.

The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number for the newly created branch of the Regional Trial Court.

Sec. 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 one (1) additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of Quezon, Province of Bukidnon, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 3. Section 14 (K) 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 at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,