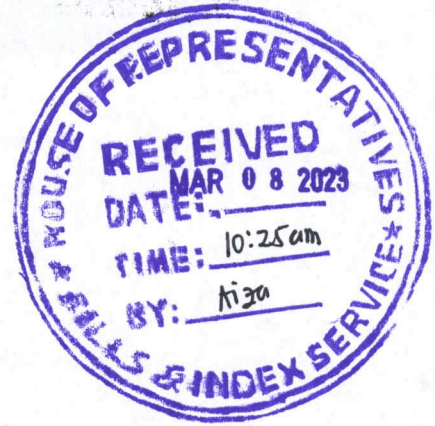


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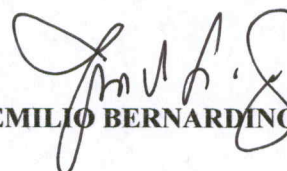
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the creation of a new branch of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed in the Municipality of Isabela, Negros Occidental, amending for the purpose Section 14(g) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and appropriating the necessary funds therefor.

At present, the Regional Trial Court is stationed in La Carlota City, which belongs to the 4th district of Negros Occidental and is about 1-2 hours away by public transport. The aforementioned RTC caters to cases from three (3) municipalities belonging to the 5th legislative district namely: Isabela, Moises Padilla, and La Castellana. There is a huge volume of cases filed and pending that clogs the court's docket. The far distance of the nearest RTC from other cities and municipalities in the district results in the slow dispensation of justice, erosion of the people's trust in our judicial system, and difficulty of litigating on part of our courts and litigants.

In the interest of the expeditious administration of justice, it is therefore imperative for the immediate passage of this bill to meet the increasing number of cases being filed and to adhere to the Constitutional fiat that all persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial or administrative bodies (Section 16, Article III).

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


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AN ACT CREATING A NEW REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL REGION, TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ISABELA, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(G) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980," AS AMENDED AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. One (1) additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Sixth Judicial Region is hereby created and be stationed in the Municipality of Isabela, Negros Occidental.

SEC. 2. For this purpose, Section 14 paragraph (g) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

x x x x x

(g) (Sixty-three) **SIXTY-FOUR** Regional Trial Judges shall be commissioned for the Sixth Judicial Region. There shall be:

x x x x x

(Twenty-four) **TWENTY-FIVE BRANCHES** for the province of Negros Occidental, and the cities of Bacolod, Bago, Cadiz, La Carlota, San Carlos and Silay, with seats at Silay City, Bacolod City, Himamaylan City, Kabankalan City, Bago City, La Carlota City, and

ISABELA.

SEC. 3. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch number for the newly created branch of the Regional Trial Court. Likewise, it shall issue the necessary implementing rules and regulations to ensure the proper implementation of this Act.

SEC. 4. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the operationalization of the additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of Isabela, Negros Occidental. The funds necessary for the operation of the court shall be released only upon the actual organization of the court and the appointment of its personnel.

SEC. 5. The sum necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Supreme Court. Thereafter, such sum as may be needed for its continuous and effective implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 6. Section 14(g) 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. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,