

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 10737



Introduced by **HON. EDGAR M. CHATTO**
First District, Bohol

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipalities of Daus and Panglao, in the first district of the province of Bohol, is home to a total of 92,331 Boholanos as per 01 May 2020 data. Of said number, 52,492 live in the Municipality of Daus while 39,839 live in the municipality of Panglao. To date, there is only one (1) Municipal Circuit Trial Court, MCTC Branch 14, serving the two (2) municipalities.

On the contrary, the capital City of Tagbilaran with a population of 104, 976 is being served by four (4) Municipal Trial Courts in Cities. Still, the Municipalities of Calape and Loon with a population of 33,079 and 44,244, respectively, have their own independent and separate Municipal Trial Court of Calape and Municipal Trial Court of Loon.

The steady increase in population as well as commercial transactions in the municipalities of Daus and Panglao, in view of their status as prime tourism destinations in the province, has resulted in the increase of situations demanding judicial intervention. This compromises the workload of the lone MCTC serving the two municipalities.

The only way to address the matter is to create two separate and independent branches of first level courts in the said municipalities, hence, expedite the delivery of justice and help ease the bench of unwarranted overload of cases.

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


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AN ACT
CREATING TWO ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL
COURTS IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE
MUNICIPALITY OF DAUIS AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF PANGLAO,
PROVINCE OF BOHOL, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION 14 (C) 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 is hereby created two (2) additional Municipal Trial Courts in the Seventh Judicial Region with seat thereat at the Municipality of Dauis and the Municipality of Panglao, respectively, in the Province of Bohol.

Section 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective and corresponding branch number for the branch newly created.

Section 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall immediately cause the inclusion in the Court’s program the implementation of this Act.

Section 4. The funds necessary for the operation of the court herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the courts and the appointment of its personnel.

Section 5. Section 14 (c) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as “The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980,” as amended, as well as other provisions that may be inconsistent herewith, is hereby repealed, modified and/or further amended.

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

Approved.