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House Bill No. **10876**



Introduced by HON. ALAN "ALDU" R. DUJALI

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This legislative measure seeks to create two (2) additional Regional Trial Court (RTC) branches in the Eleventh Judicial Region stationed in the Municipality of Carmen and Municipality of Santo Tomas, Province of Davao del Norte.

The Second District of Davao del Norte has two cities (2) and two (2) municipalities within its jurisdiction; hence, there is a great demand for the immediate resolution of cases filed in the existing RTC branches in Tagum City and Panabo City. The lack of available court salas creates a serious backlog of cases highly contributing to the delay in the administration of justice in the Region.

This proposed legislation shall ensure the speedy disposition of cases, and shall allow justice to be served in a manner advantageous to the growing populace within the area.

In view of the foregoing and in the interest of expeditious, fair, and impartial delivery of justice, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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“AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF SANTO TOMAS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (L) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED”

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

SECTION 1. Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the Eleventh Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the Municipality of Carmen and the Municipality of Santo Tomas, Province of Davao del Norte.

THE Supreme court shall assign the branch number of the newly created Regional Trial Court branches in the Eleventh Judicial Region.

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 the additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of Carmen and the Municipality of Santo Tomas, Province of Davao del Norte.

SEC. 3. The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act, including appropriations for personnel services, such as salaries, benefits, and emoluments for judges and court personnel, court operations under maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE) and provisions for Halls of Justice or courtrooms to accommodate judges and court staff, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. Section 14(l) 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. 5. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,