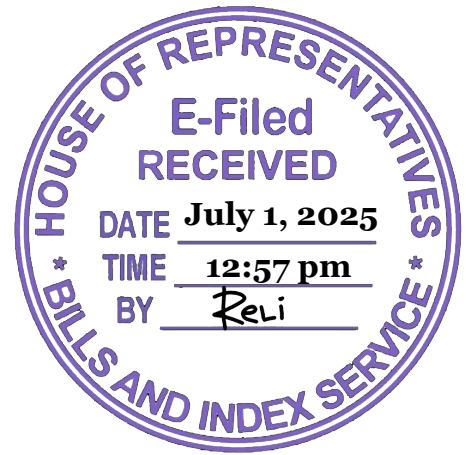


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HOUSE BILL NO. 786

Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE MERCEDES K. ALVAREZ, MNSA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create one additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the City of Kabankalan, Province of Negros Occidental.

Establishing an additional Regional Trial Court branch in the City of Kabankalan is essential to ensure the swift delivery of justice and reduce delays in court proceedings. It will significantly help declog existing case dockets, allowing judges to manage their caseloads more efficiently and focus on timely decisions.

By improving access to justice and easing the burden on the current branch, the creation of a new court will strengthen public trust in the legal system and uphold the rule of law in the 6th District of the Province of Negros Occidental.

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


ATTY. MERCEDES K. ALVAREZ, MNSA

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AN ACT
CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF KABANKALAN, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(G) 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:

1 Section 1. One (1) additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Sixth
2 Judicial Region is hereby created and stationed in the City of Kabanklaan, Province of
3 Negros Occidental.

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

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8 Sec. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the
9 Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the program of
10 the Supreme Court the operationalization of the additional branch of the Regional
11 Trial Court created under this Act.

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13 Sec. 3. The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act, including
14 appropriations for personnel services such as salaries, benefits, and emoluments for

1 judges and court personnel, court operations under maintenance and other operating
2 expenses, and provisions for Halls of Justice or courtrooms to accommodate judges
3 and court staff, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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5 Sec. 4. Section 14(g) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as the
6 Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, as amended, and all laws, presidential decrees,
7 letters of instruction, executive orders, rules and regulations or any part thereof
8 inconsistent with this Act shall be amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.
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10 Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the
11 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,