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House Bill No. 1087



Introduced by Hon. Faustino Michael T. Dy III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

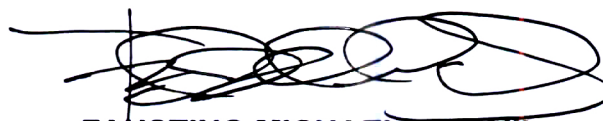
This bill seeks to create an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Second Judicial Region to be stationed in the Municipality of Aurora, Province of Isabela.

The proposed branch will help to declog the dockets of RTC Branch 23 in Roxas, Isabela. It will include in its jurisdiction the municipalities of San Manuel and Aurora, while the current RTC Branch 23 will cater to the towns of Roxas, Quirno, Mallig and Quezon.

This legislative measure is being pursued to help realize the goal of making the caseloads of courts manageable, in line with the continuing legislative agenda espoused in the Philippine Development Plan (2017-2022) published by the National Economic and Development Authority, which reads in part: "Restudy the distribution of courts under BP Blg. 129... in relation to the population per proposed court location, historical volume of filings, and the existing dockets of the courts in that particular location. Where necessary the existing courts may be redistributed, and new courts created as needed."

The heavy caseload of Branch 23 has made it challenging to efficiently dispose of cases and mete justice to the aggrieved. It is hoped that these and other relevant concerns will be sufficiently addressed by the creation of the additional RTC branch.

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



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AN ACT
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE
SECOND JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
AURORA, PROVINCE OF ISABELA, AND APPROPRIATING 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 is hereby created in the Second Judicial Region to be stationed in the Municipality of Aurora, Province of Isabela.

SECTION 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number for the newly created branch.

SECTION 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of Justice, shall immediately include in the program of the Supreme Court the operationalization of the additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of Aurora. The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The funds shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the courts and the appointment of their respective personnel.

SECTION 4. Section 14(e) of the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, or Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, and all other laws, executive orders, and rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby accordingly amended or modified.

SECTION 5. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect 15 days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation or in the Official Gazette.

APPROVED,