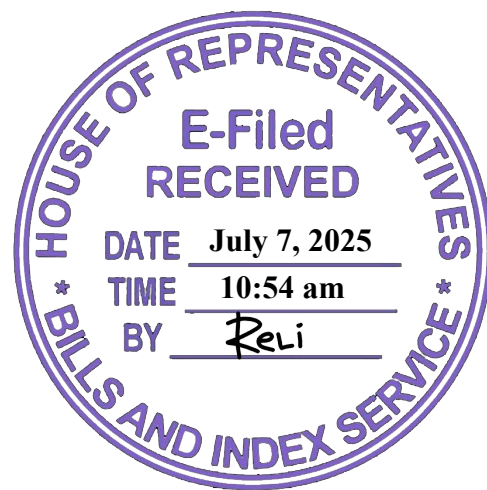


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House Bill No. **1395**



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Access to justice remains elusive for many Filipinos. One of the factors that hinders proper dispensation of justice is the lack of courts in the country. For instance, in the Municipality of Cabugao, First District of Ilocos Sur, their Regional Trial Court covers the towns of Sinait, San Juan, Cabugao and Magsingal. This has caused the aforementioned court to be over-worked and their docket congested.

The congestion of our courts deprives our people of justice. In turn, this makes them distrustful of our judicial system. In this light, this bill seeks for the creation of one (1) additional branch of the Family Court and one (1) additional branch of Regional Trial Court in the First Judicial Region, to be stationed in the Municipality of Cabugao, Province of Ilocos Sur, amending for the purpose Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as the "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", and appropriating funds therefor.

In essence, the creation of these courts would greatly ease the burden of the existing court, as well as address the people's need for justice that have accosted them for so long.

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


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**AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) NEW COURTS, NAMELY: ONE (1) ADDITIONAL
BRANCH OF THE FAMILY COURT AND ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL REGION TO BE
STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABUGAO, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS
SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. One (1) additional branch of the family court and one (1) additional branch of Regional Trial Court with seats in the Municipality of Cabugao, Province of Ilocos Sur, are hereby created in the First Judicial Region.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches of the Regional Trial Court and Family Court.

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 two (2) additional courts in the Municipality of Cabugao, Province of Ilocos Sur. The amount necessary for the operation of the courts herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the court and the appointment of its personnel.

SEC. 3. Section 14 (a) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, as well as other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly. `

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,