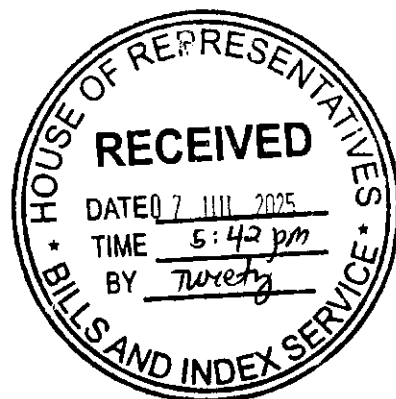


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Introduced by REP. FERJENEL G. BIRON, M.D.

“AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF PASSI AND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DUMANGAS, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, 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”

EXPLANATORY NOTE

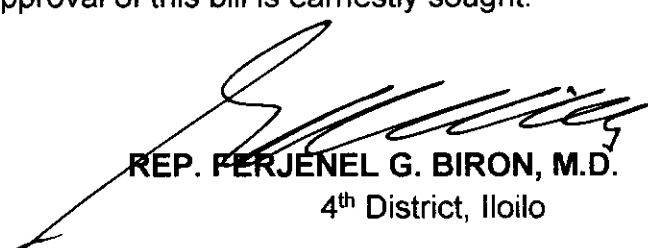
This bill seeks to create three (3) additional Regional Trial Court branches for the Province of Iloilo with two (2) seats in the Component City of Passi and (1) seat in the Municipality of Dumangas.

The territorial jurisdiction of Regional Trial Court Branch 68, located in the Municipality of Dumangas, encompasses nine large municipalities and one component city. Due to the high volume of criminal, civil, and other cases filed within its jurisdiction, a single presiding judge can scarcely manage the caseload. As a result, the prompt administration of justice is severely hindered, and the expeditious resolution of cases is compromised.

Thus, congruent with the constitutional fiat that *“All persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies”*, it is therefore imperative that two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Courts in the component City of Passi and one (1) additional branch in the Municipality of Dumangas be created.

The proposed measure was principally authored by this Representation during the 19th Congress and referred to the Committee on Justice. It was approved by the House of Representatives on Third Reading and transmitted to the Senate.

Now in the 20th Congress, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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

1 **SECTION 1.** Three (3) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the
2 Sixth Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the Province of Iloilo, as
3 follows:

4 (a) Two (2) branches in the City of Passi; and

5 (b) One (1) branch in the Municipality of Dumangas.

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

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 Court's program
10 the operationalization of the additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the City
11 of Passi and the Municipality of Dumangas, Province of Iloilo.

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

1 **SEC. 4.** Section 14 (g) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as “The
2 Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980”, as amended, and all other laws, rules and
3 regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or
4 modified accordingly.

5 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
6 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

7 Approved,