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EXPLANATORY NOTE

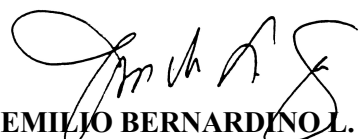
This bill proposes the creation of an additional Regional Trial Court (RTC) branch to be stationed in the City of Himamaylan, Negros Occidental, by amending Section 14(g) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as the “Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980,” as amended. It also seeks the appropriation of the necessary funds for its establishment and operation.

The increasing volume of cases filed and pending before the courts in Himamaylan underscores the urgent need for an additional RTC sala. The congestion of court dockets impedes the swift delivery of justice and compromises the constitutional right of all individuals to a speedy disposition of their cases, as enshrined in Section 16, Article III of the 1987 Constitution.

With the city’s growing population and the continuous expansion of its social and economic activities, the establishment of an additional RTC branch will significantly enhance the capacity of the judiciary to resolve cases promptly. It will not only help decongest existing court dockets but also ensure that litigants have improved access to judicial services.

This measure ultimately aims to strengthen the administration of justice in the province and uphold the rule of law by making the justice system more accessible, responsive, and efficient for the people of Himamaylan and neighboring municipalities.

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


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AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL COURT SALA IN THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF HIMAMAYLAN CITY, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(G) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980," AS AMENDED AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Establishment of Additional Regional Trial Court Branch.* There shall be one (1) additional court sala in the Regional Trial Court of Himamaylan City, Negros Occidental.

SEC. 2. *Notification and Implementation.* The Supreme Court shall be notified of the new sala station of the Himamaylan Regional Trial Court. Likewise, it shall issue the necessary implementing rules and regulations to ensure the proper implementation of this Act.

SEC. 3. *Operationalization and Personnel Appointment.* The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the operationalization of the additional court sala of the Regional Trial Court in the City of Himamaylan, Negros Occidental. The funds necessary for the operation shall be released only upon the actual organization of the court and the appointment of its personnel.

SEC. 4. *Appropriations.* The sum necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Supreme Court. Thereafter, such sum as may be needed for its continuous and effective implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. *Separability Clause.* In the event that any provision of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the validity of the other provisions shall not be affected by such declaration.

SEC. 6. *Repealing Clause.* Section 14(g) 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. 7. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,