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HOUSE BILL NO. **5096**



Introduced by Representative SITTIE SHAHARA "BAI DIMPLE" I. MASTURA

AN ACT

CREATING TWO (2) BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT (MTC) IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PARANG, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO DEL NORTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 30 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the creation of two (2) branches of the Municipal Trial Court in the Twelfth Judicial Region to be located in the Municipality of Parang, Province of Maguindanao del Norte.

This proposal is made more significant today in view of the passage into law of Republic Act No. 11576 otherwise known as the "ACT FURTHER EXPANDING THE JURISDICTION OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURTS, MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS, AND MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED".

To date there is not even a single branch of the Municipal Trial Court in the Municipality of Parang and the increase in the threshold amounts under the Revised Rules of Procedures for Small Claims Cases undeniably made the disposition of cases even more challenging for the existing branches of the lower courts in the City of Cotabato, thus the need to establish two (2) MTC branches in the Municipality of Parang.

The 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines provides that "All persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial and administrative bodies" (Section 16, Article III), however due to the incessant clogging of court dockets in the City of Cotabato, this constitutionally guaranteed right tends to be more deceptive than real.

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

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

SECTION 1. Two (2) branches of the Municipal Trial Court in the Twelfth Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the Municipality of Parang, Province of Maguindanao del Norte.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers of the newly-created branches of the Municipal Trial 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 newly-created branches of the Municipal Trial Court in the Municipality of Parang, Province of Maguindanao del Norte.

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

SEC. 4. Section 30 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. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,