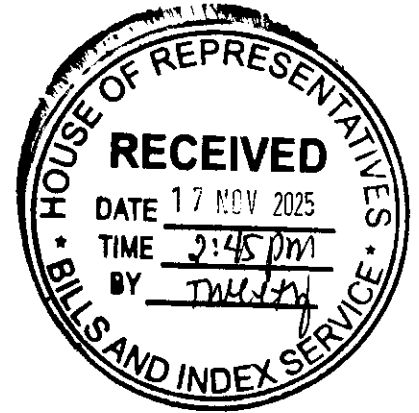


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House Bill. No. 6057

BY REPRESENTATIVE SUN J. SHIMURA

AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANTAYAN, BANTAYAN ISLAND, CEBU, PHILIPPINES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (H) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980" AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

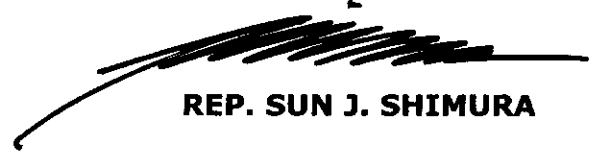
This bill seeks to create an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the Province of Cebu, to be stationed in the Municipality of Bantayan, Bantayan Island, Cebu, amending Section 14, paragraph (h) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, and appropriating funds therefor.

Currently, residents of Bantayan Island are compelled to travel to the RTC located in Dakit, Bogo City, to attend hearings and other court-related matters falling within the RTC's jurisdiction. This journey often requires considerable time and expense. Moreover, adverse weather conditions frequently render sea travel to the mainland hazardous or impossible, resulting in the deferment or postponement of hearings and causing delays in the administration of justice.

The establishment of an RTC branch within Bantayan Island will address these challenges by providing residents with a more accessible venue for their legal concerns. This initiative will help expedite the resolution of cases and uphold the right to swift and fair justice for the people of Bantayan Island and nearby

communities. Furthermore, this measure supports judicial efficiency by decongesting the docket of the existing RTC in Bogo City and ensures that the needs of Bantayan Island's growing population are adequately met.

In view of the foregoing, immediate 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:

SECTION 1. CREATION - An additional branch of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed in the Municipality of Bantayan, Bantayan Island, Province of Cebu is hereby created in the Seventh Judicial Region.

The Supreme Court shall assign the Branch Number of the newly created Regional Trial Court branch in the Seventh Judicial Region.

SEC. 2. APPROPRIATIONS -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 additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of Bantayan, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

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

Approved,