EXPLANATORY NOTE

The present situation of the Regional Trial Courts for the Province of Lanao del Norte and Iligan City with seats in Iligan City is already congested and geographically distant to the far-flung municipalities of the Province of Lanao del Norte. It is the objective of this bill to transfer the seats of the two Regional Trial Court Branches with jurisdiction on the municipalities of the Province of Lanao del Norte.

The Province of Lanao del Norte, with population over six hundred thousand, will need the courts to hear the criminal and civil cases that were being filed closer to their domicile, to prevent undue delays in the proceedings and disposition of cases. This bill enshrines the legal maxim of justice delayed is justice denied.

The transfer of seats and the addition of two (2) branches of the Regional Trial Courts to the Provincial Capital of Lanao del Norte, the Municipality of Tubod will be for the benefit of the people of Lanao del Norte. It will make our justice system more accessible to the people, because it is our primary mandate to better serve the Filipino people.

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

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SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,