

Republic of the Philippines  
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EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS  
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HOUSE BILL NO. **2668**

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Introduced by Representative GENARO M. ALVAREZ, JR.

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide for the creation of an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Province of Negros Occidental in Kabankalan City.

At present there is only one Regional Trial Court, specifically Branch 61, located in the City of Kabankalan. Despite the creation of a nearby Regional Trial Court in Sipalay City, Branch 61 continues to receive huge volume of cases. The creation of an additional Branch will reduce the court's dockets and will amplify the Constitutional mandate that all persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial or administrative bodies.

In view of the foregoing, it is therefore imperative that an additional Regional Trial Court in Kabankalan City be created. The approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL WITH A SEAT IN THE CITY OF KABANKALAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980.**

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

SECTION 1. An additional branch of the Regional Trial Court with a seat at Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental in the Sixth Judicial Region is hereby created.

SECTION 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the newly created Regional Trial Court branch under this Act.

SECTION 3. 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 Regional Trial Court branch under this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. Repealing Clause - All laws, presidential decrees, letters of instruction, executive orders, rules and regulation or any part thereof inconsistent with this Act shall be amended or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,