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HOUSE BILL NO. 3091

Introduced by REP. PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ, REP. ALAN R. DUJALI and
REP. RUWEL PETER S. GONZAGA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to assign additional branches of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the
Island Garden City of Samal, Province of Davao Del Norte and the municipalities of
Compostela, Nabunturan, and Mabini in the province of Compostela Valley, hereby amending
for the purpose Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization

Due to the difficulty of going to the nearest RTC the parties involved in a case often times
find themselves late or discouraged in going to scheduled hearings to settle controversies
resulting in the failure in the administration of justice on the part of court officials. There had
been complaints on the part of the party litigants finding themselves in a quandary because of
their inability to be present at said court hearings on time and worse certain cases get dismissed
due to the absence of complainants who gets discouraged by the distance they have to travel.

Furthermore, because of the strong economic climate in the municipalities wherein
additional trial courts are to be created many inhabitants both within the province of Compostela
Valley and nearby provinces are drawn towards finding greener pasture in these areas. The influx
of many fortune seekers from several places have resulted in an increase of population in the
said areas which also contributes to an increase in cases wherein close access to justice is
imperative. Moreover, this burden is synonymous to denying the residents of the Island Garden
City of Samal and the aforementioned municipalities close access to justice.

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

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AN ACT
CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (L) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AS AMENDED

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

SECTION 1. Four (4) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Eleventh Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed as follows:

(a) One (1) additional branch in the Island Garden City of Samal, Province of Davao Del Norte; and

(b) One branch each in the municipalities of Compostela, Nabunturan and Mabini, all in the province of Compostela Valley.

The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the newly created Regional Trial Court in the Eleventh Judicial Region.

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 three (3) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Eleventh Judicial Region, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Section 14(l) 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. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after it’s publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,