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EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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4154
H. B. No. _____

Introduced by Representative TEODORICO "NONONG" T. HARESCO, JR.

AN ACT

CREATING THREE (3) NEW COURTS, NAMELY: ONE (1) FAMILY COURT AND TWO (2) BRANCHES OF REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, ALL IN THE SECOND (2ND) LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF AKLAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980," AS AMENDED, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

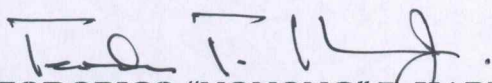
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, as amended, otherwise known as the "*Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980*," to provide for the creation of three (3) new courts in the 2nd Legislative District of the Province of Aklan, to be stationed at the Municipality of Ibajay, Province of Aklan, and appropriating funds therefor.

At present, there are no Regional Trial Courts in the Second District of Aklan, because such legislative district was newly created only by virtue of Republic Act 11077, otherwise known as an "*Act Reapportioning the Province of Aklan into Two (2) Legislative Districts*," which was signed by President Rodrigo Duterte on September 14, 2018. Moreover, the increase in population also leads to the increase of the number of cases being filed in court.

The creation of the new courts which, will be stationed at the Municipality of Ibajay, Province of Aklan, will be very beneficial for the litigants of the 2nd Legislative District, Province of Aklan. Our people no longer need to go to the Municipality of Kalibo in order to have access to courts. The establishment of courts at the Municipality of Ibajay will lessen the burden of our constituents, both physically and financially, who no longer have to travel long distances in going to Kalibo, Aklan, for court hearings.

Bringing justice closer to the people will be realized by this bill. Thus, the immediate passage 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:

1 **SECTION 1.** One (1) Family Court and two (2) branches of Regional Trial Courts, with
2 seats at the Municipality of Ibaday, Province of Aklan, are hereby created in the Sixth
3 (6th) Judicial Region.
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5 **SEC. 2.** The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number for the newly created
6 branches of the Family Court and Regional Trial Courts in the Sixth (6th) Judicial
7 Region.
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9 **SEC. 3.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of
10 the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the
11 implementation of this Act. The amount necessary for the creation and the continuous
12 funding therefore shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations
13 Act.
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15 **SEC. 4.** Section 14 (g) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, as amended, otherwise known as
16 "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980," as well as all other laws, rules and
17 regulations, and other provisions that may be inconsistent herewith are hereby
18 deemed repealed, modified and/or further amended.
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20 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in
21 the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.
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23 *Approved,*