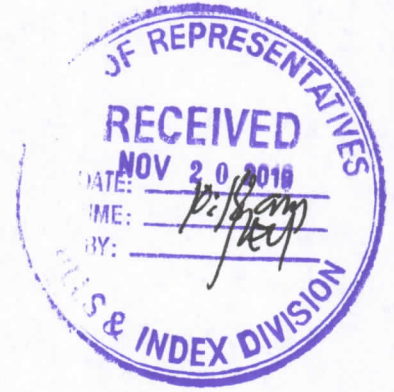


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HOUSE BILL NO. _____



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE LEONARDO L. BABASA, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE


This bill seeks to create an additional Regional Trial Court branch to be stationed in the Municipality of San Miguel, Province of Zamboanga del Sur.

The Second Legislative District of the Province of Zamboanga del Sur has 15 municipalities within its jurisdiction. Out of the 15 municipalities, eight are being catered by a single *sala* court stationed in the Municipality of San Miguel.

The lack of available court *salas* has seriously contributed to the delay in the dispensation of cases and in the administration of justice considering the volume of cases being faced by our courts.

This proposed legislation will curb the imbalance between the cases received by the courts for disposition and the number of court branches that will hear and decide such cases. Likewise, this bill will help ensure the speedy disposition of cases and proper service of justice. Thus, unclogging the docket of our courts.

It is therefore recommended that the foregoing bill be approved.


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AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MIGUEL, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 PARAGRAPH (j) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. An additional Regional Trial Court branch to be stationed in the Municipality of San Miguel, Province of Zamboanga del Sur is hereby created in the Ninth Judicial Region.

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

Section 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 additional Regional Trial Court branch to be stationed in the Municipality of San Miguel, Province of Zamboanga del Sur, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 3. Section 14 (j) 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.

Section 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,