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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6068

Introduced by Honorable Roger G. Mercado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The current volume of cases in the Municipal Trial Court of Maasin City is indicating a backlog that needs an additional trial court for a speedier disposition of cases.

Creating an additional branch of Municipal Trial Court will address this concern in line with the constitutional right of a person to have a speedy trial. Without adding a new trial court, the backlog of cases will continue to pile up thereby compromising the quality of justice that the public will receive.

Therefore, passage of this bill is hereby being earnestly sought

[Signature]
ROGER GAVIOLA MERCADO
AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL
TRIAL COURT FOR THE CITY OF MAASIN, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN
LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 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. One (1) additional branch of the Municipal Trial Court in the Cities for
the City of Maasin, Province of Southern Leyte is hereby created.

The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number for the newly created branch of
the Municipal Trial Court.
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 branch of the Municipal Trial Court for the City of Maasin, Province of Southern Leyte, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. Section 29 of Batas Pambansa Bld. 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1980”, as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.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,