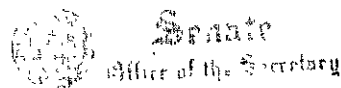


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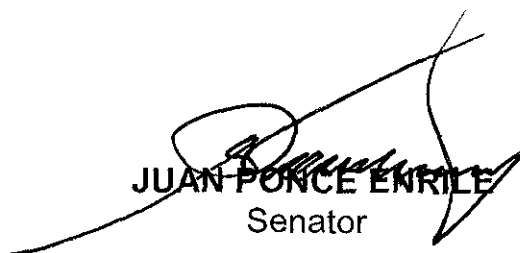
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The City of Davao is one of the oldest cities in the Philippines. The regional center of Region XI (Davao Region), Davao City is the largest city in Mindanao, with a population of 1,363,337 in 2007, and projected 2010 population of 1,464,301. Its residents compose 32.8% of the total population of its region as of the 2007 census. Beautiful, progressive and urbanized, it draws people from all parts of the Philippines to settle therein.

Being the regional hub, however has its encumbrances. The City has a bigger population that demands basic services, and it constantly has to monitor if the rights of its people are sufficiently addressed, including the right to the speedy disposition of cases as guaranteed by Section 16 of the Bill of Rights of the 1987 Philippine Constitution.

At present, Davao City has eleven (11) Regional Trial Courts. This bill seeks to add three (3) more to the present number, in order to somehow increase the proportion of the Courts to the growing population of Davao City.


In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of the Bill is earnestly sought.


JUAN PONCE ENRILE
Senator

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Introduced by SENATE PRESIDENT JUAN PONCE ENRILE

**AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF DAVAO,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (L) 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 Congress assembled:

1 SECTION 1. Three (3) additional Regional Trial Court branches are hereby created
2 in the Eleventh Judicial Region with seats at the City of Davao.

3 The Supreme Court shall assign the branch numbers of the newly-created
4 branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Eleventh Judicial Region.

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6 SECTION 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the
7 Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program
8 the operationalization of the three (3) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court to
9 be stationed at the City of Davao, the funding of which shall be included in the annual
10 *General Appropriations Act*.

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12 SECTION 3. Section 14(l) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The
13 Judiciary Recognition Act of 1980," as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations
14 which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified
15 accordingly.

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17 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
18 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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20 Approved,