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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 16, Article 111 of our Constitution gives each person the right to a speedy trial, it provides that: "All persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies."

The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980 (BP 129) allotted the corresponding number of courts per judicial region based on the exigencies existing at that time.

Twenty seven years have passed since the effectivity of BP 129.

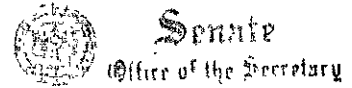
Because of the increase in our population and the increase in the volume of cases filed, our court dockets have been clogged and this has resulted in the delay in the resolution of cases.

In order to improve the disposition and administration of justice and to ensure the right to a speedy trial, the number of courts must necessarily be increased.

In view of the foregoing provisions, the approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.

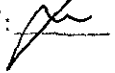
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AN ACT  
CREATING FOUR ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE 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. Four (4) additional Regional Trial Court branches for General  
2 Santos City, South Cotabato, with seats thereat, are hereby created in the Eleventh  
3 Judicial Region.

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5 SECTION 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for  
6 the newly created branches.

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8 SECTION 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the  
9 Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's  
10 program the implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall likewise be  
11 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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13 SECTION 4. Section 14 (l) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as  
14 "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980," as amended, as well as other provisions  
15 that may be inconsistent herewith, is hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further  
16 amended.

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18 SECTION 5. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
19 completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general  
20 circulation.

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22 *Approved,*

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