

SENATE

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S.B. No. 2183

PEL



Introduced by Senator Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

**AN ACT
CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN
THE NINTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LILOY,
PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(J) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS
AMENDED**

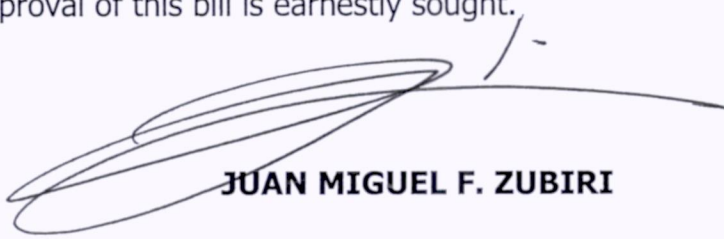
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The guarantee of a speedy trial is one of the most basic rights enshrined in the 1987 Philippine Constitution. Section 16, Article III of the 1987 Constitution mandates that every person must be afforded the right to speedy trial, provided, thus: "All persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies."

The judiciary is facing a grave adversity in addressing case backlogs as lower courts are clogged with an excessive bulk of cases each year. Hence, it is necessary for the State to increase the number of courts to meet the increasing number of cases being filed.

This measure seeks to unclog the court dockets of the Ninth Judicial Region by creating two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed in the Municipality of Liloy, Province of Zamboanga Del Norte.

In view of the foregoing, the approval 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.** Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court are hereby created in
2 the Ninth Judicial Region to be stationed in the Municipality of Liloy, Province of Zamboanga
3 Del Norte.

4 The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly-created
5 branches of the Regional Trial Court.

6 **SEC. 2.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the
7 Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the operationalization
8 of the additional branches of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed in the Municipality of
9 Liloy, Province of Zamboanga Del Norte, the funding of which shall be included in the annual
10 General Appropriations Act.

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

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

Approved,