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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill, in recognition of the wisdom behind House Bill No. 7145 filed by the Representative Faustino Michael T. Dy III, seeks to create an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Second Judicial Region to be stationed in the Municipality of Aurora, Province of Isabela.

The proposed measure will improve the efficiency in the administration of justice in the province by decongesting the dockets of the existing Regional Trial Court Branch. Ultimately, this measure will contribute to the realization of the constitutional directive to uphold the right of all persons to a speedy disposition of their respective cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of the measure is earnestly sought.

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

Section 1. One (1) additional branch of the Regional Trial Court is hereby
created in the Second Judicial Region to be stationed in the Municipality of Aurora,
Province of Isabela.

The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the newly createdRegional Trial Court branch.

6 Sec. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the 7 Secretary of Justice, shall immediately include in the program of the Supreme Court 8 the operationalization of the additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the 9 Municipality of Aurora, Province of Isabela. The amount necessary for the creation and 10 the continuous funding therefore shall likewise be included in the annual General 11 Appropriations Act. The funds necessary shall be appropriated and released only upon 12 the actual organization of the court and appointment of its personnel.

Sec. 3. Section 14(e) of Batas Pambansa Big. 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1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly. Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in
the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,