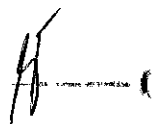


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 16, Article III 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 ONE ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT BALAOAN, LA UNION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. Section 14, Paragraph (a) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, as amended, otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, is hereby amended to create an additional branch and shall read as follows:

“SEC. 14. Regional Trial Courts.--

x x x

(a) [Fifty-seven] Regional Trial Judges shall be commissioned for the First Judicial Region AS FOLLOWS. There shall be:

x x x

“x x x branches [(Branches XXVI to XXXIV)] for the Province of La Union, x x x and [Branch XXXIV] TWO BRANCHES at Balaoan;”

x x x

SECTION 2. The Supreme Court shall number and assign the additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in Balaoan, in accordance with this Act.

SECTION 3. 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 regional trial court branches in Balaoan City, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,