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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 TWO ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN
THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT ARGAO, CEBU,
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 (h) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, as amended,
otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, is hereby amended to
create two additional branches and shall read as follows:

“SEC. 14. Regional Trial Courts.--

x x x

(h) [Forty-six] Regional Trial Judges shall be commissioned for the Seventh Judicial
Region AS FOLLOWS. There shall be:

x x x

“x x x THREE BranchES [XXVI] at Argao, x x x;”

x x x

SECTION 2. *The Supreme Court shall number and assign the additional branches in
Argao, Cebu 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 Argao, Cebu the
funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,