

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL No. 1446



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL ANTONIO F. ZUBIRI

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Pursuant to my vision of giving all my constituents the basic necessities and services the government should be offering every Filipino in the 21st Century, I am filing a bill creating a Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of Quezon. Access to the courts in Bukidnon has been admittedly difficult given our population and the number of courts available in the district. Through this bill, I am hoping my constituents can have easier access to the courts in the pursuit of justice.

The philosopher Aristotle encapsulates best the reason why we should increase access to justice: "At his best, man is the noblest of animals. Separated from law and justice, he is the worst".

In lieu of the abovementioned, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

MANUEL F. ZUBIRI

A large, stylized handwritten signature of Manuel F. Zubiri, written in black ink, is positioned over the printed name.

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AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE 10th JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF QUEZON, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 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. One (1) additional Regional Trial Court branch for the municipality of
2 Quezon, Province of Bukidnon, with seats thereat, is hereby created in the Tenth Judicial
3 Region.
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5 SECTION 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers of the
6 newly created branch.
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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 program the
10 implementation of this Act. The funding thereof shall likewise be included in the General
11 Appropriations Act.
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13 SECTION 4. Section 14(k) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The
14 Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, as well as other provisions that may be
15 inconsistent herewith, are hereby deemed repealed, modified, and/or further amended.
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17 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
18 Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.
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