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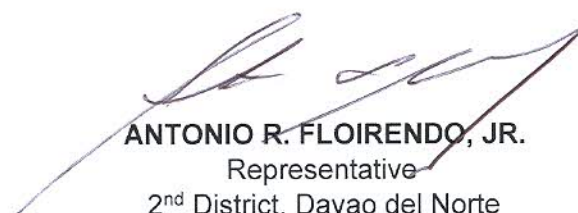
Introduced by Representative **ANTONIO R. FLOIRENDO, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create a Municipal Trial Court (MTC) in Sto. Tomas, Davao del Norte, which has a population of more than 85,000. Currently, this municipality avails of the services of a Municipal Circuit Trial Court in the distant Municipality of Carmen. Serving these equally progressive and populous municipalities must have become a nightmare to the judge of said court considering that year after year, cases submitted for his consideration have grown by leaps and bounds resulting in backlogs of alarming proportion.

As most of these cases emanate from Sto. Tomas, complaints and litigants of the locality have felt the sting of the old familiar adage, "justice delayed is justice denied." It is therefore necessary to unload the heavy burden of this court if it were to resolve cases speedily, efficiently, and impartially, and the only way to do this is through the creation of the Municipal Trial Court in the above mentioned place and assigning a permanent judge thereto.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN THE MUNICIPLITY OF STO. TOMAS, DAVAO DEL NORTE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION THIRTY OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG ISAANG DAAN AT DALAWAMPU'T SIYAM, 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 30 of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Section 30. Municipal Trial Court. In each of the municipalities that are not comprised within a metropolitan circuit there shall be a Municipal Trial Court which shall have one branch, except as hereunder provided:

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ONE (1) BRANCH FOR STO. TOMAS, DAVAO DEL NORTE”

SECTION 2. – The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's programs the improvement, maintenance, and repair of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. – This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,