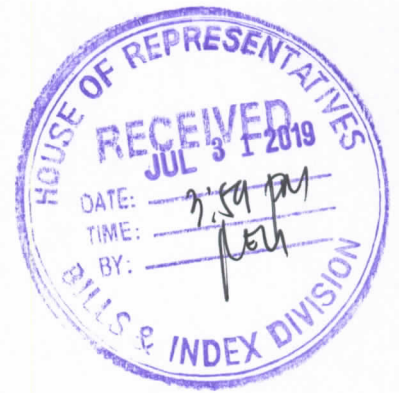




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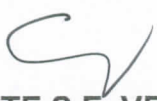
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Third District of Leyte is composed of five (5) municipalities – Calubian, Leyte, San Isidro, Tabango and Villaba. Despite its having 210,000 residents, there is only one (1) Branch of Regional Trial Court (located in Calubian) in said District which handles cases only for the towns of Calubian and San Isidro. Also, instead of having their cases tried in next town Calubian, litigants from the Municipality of Leyte have to travel to Leyte Second District's Carigara, which is two towns and about 65 kilometers away.

On the other hand, litigants from Tabango and Villaba have to go to Leyte Fourth District's Palompon in their pursuit for justice. Worse, in case of inhibition, litigants from the Third District of Leyte have to travel either to Ormoc City or Carigara, whose Regional Trial Courts are too far away from any of the municipalities in the Third District of Leyte.

There is, therefore, a need to create another Regional Trial Court in the Eighth Judicial Region, particularly, in the Municipality of Villaba, Province of Leyte.


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**AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH IN
THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY
VILLABA, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTION 14,
PARAGRAPH (I) OF 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.** An additional Regional Trial Court branch, to be stationed in the
2 Municipality of Villaba, Province of Leyte, is hereby created in the Eighth Judicial
3 Region.

4 The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number for the newly-created
5 Regional Trial Court branch in the Eighth Judicial Region.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the
7 Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's
8 program the operationalization of the additional Regional Trial Court branch to be
9 stationed in the Municipality of Villaba, Province of Leyte, the funding of which shall
10 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

11 **SECTION 3.** Section 14 (i) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as
12 "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 198", as amended, and all other laws, rules
13 and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed
14 or modified accordingly.

15 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
16 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

17 *Approved.*