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House Bill No. 2243

Introduced by HON. ALAN R. DUJALI

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This legislative measure seeks to create two (2) additional Regional Trial Court branches in the Eleventh Judicial Region to be stationed in the Island Garden City of Samal (IGACOS) and the City of Panabo, Province of Davao del Norte.

The Second District of Davao del Norte has two (2) cities and three (3) municipalities within its jurisdiction. Hence, there is a great demand for the immediate resolution of cases filed in the existing RTC branches in Tagum City and Panabo City. The lack of available court salas creates a serious backlog of cases highly contributing to the delay in the administration of justice in the region.

This proposed legislation will ensure the speedy disposition of cases, and justice will be properly served in a manner advantageous to the growing populace within the area.

In view of the foregoing and in the interest of expeditious, fair, and impartial delivery of justice, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE ISLAND GARDEN CITY OF SAMAL (IGACOS) AND CITY OF PANABO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, RESPECTIVELY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED

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

SECTION 1. Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the Eleventh Judicial Region to be stationed in the Island Garden City of Samal (IGACOS) and the City of Panabo, Province of Davao del Norte, respectively, are hereby created.

The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the newly created Regional Trial Court branches in the Eleventh Judicial Region.

SECTION 2. 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 to be stationed in the Island Garden City of Samal (IGACOS) and the City of Panabo, Province of Davao del Norte, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. Section 14 (I) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,