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HOUSE BILL NO. 6067

Introduced by Honorable Roger G. Mercado

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Speedy disposition of cases in courts is an essential part of the judicial system especially in criminal cases where 'justice delayed is justice denied'.

With the recent volume of cases in courts, there is no doubt that decisions are delayed due to the backlog of cases. The only way to address this problem is to establish more courts to reduce the said backlog.

Therefore, passage of this bill is hereby being earnestly sought.

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AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE EIGHT JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF MAASIN AND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOGOD, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(1) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION OACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Eight
2 Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the City of Maasin and in the Municipality of
3 Sogod, Province of Southern Leyte.

4 The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created
5 branches of the Regional Trial Court.

6 **SECTION 2.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary
7 of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the
8 operationalization of the two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed

9 in the City of Maasin and in the Municipality of Sogod, Province of Southern Leyte, the funding
10 of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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13 which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

14 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
15 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

16 Approved,