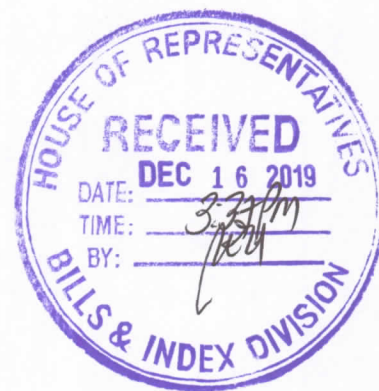


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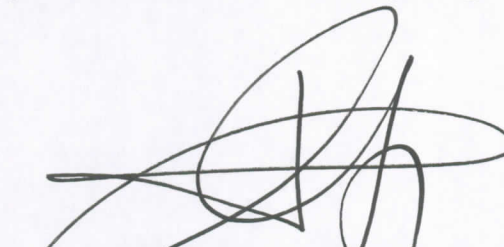
Our Constitution provides that all persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies. Accordingly, our statutes have established different safeguard mechanisms that would ensure that justice will be rendered promptly and efficiently throughout the country. Of these instrumentalities, one is the creation of additional branches of existing courts, especially in judicial areas that significantly call for their establishment, through legislation.

In the First Legislative District of the Province of Misamis Occidental, six (6) municipalities namely, Baliangao, Calamba, Concepcion, Lopez Jaena, Plaridel, and Sapang Dalaga are currently served by only one (1) Regional Trial Court (RTC) which is Branch 36 stationed in the Municipality of Calamba. As of November 2019, RTC-Branch 36 has caseloads of 431 which is way beyond the manageable level of three hundred (300) cases per second level court. With a presiding judge and court staff burdened with the unbearable caseloads that are set to increase as time goes by, the efficiency in the administration of justice will certainly be affected. The congested docket of this branch will inevitably render the slow pace and quality administration of justice in this part of the province, all at the expense of our people.

For these cited reasons, this bill therefore seeks for the creation of one (1) additional Regional Trial Court for the Province of Misamis Occidental which shall be stationed in the Municipality of Plaridel and shall have territorial jurisdiction over the Municipalities of Plaridel, Lopez Jaena, and Baliangao, respectively. Our constituents seeking redress in these localities will greatly benefit should this proposed measure be passed into law. The same shall also be true in the Municipalities of Calamba, Concepcion, and Sapang Dalaga since the caseload of the existing Branch 36 would eventually go lower on a manageable level after the creation of the additional court. In effect, the statutory

and judicial mechanism already in place will be properly implemented, thereby lessening our people's distress over delayed delivery of justice.

In the light of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT
CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT (RTC) IN THE FIRST DISTRICT OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL TO BE SITUATED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF PLARIDEL, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF

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

Section 1. One (1) additional Regional Trial Court with seat at the Municipality of Plaridel, Province of Misamis Oriental, is hereby created in the Tenth Judicial Region.

Sec. 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number for the newly created additional branch.

Sec. 3. 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 implementation of this Act. The amount necessary for the creation and continuous funding thereof shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriation Act.

Sec. 4. Section 14 (k) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, as well as other provisions that may be inconsistent therewith, are hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further amended.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after the completion of its publication in the Official Gazette and in two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,