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Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE PEDRO B. ACHARON, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish four (4) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the Eleventh Judicial Region to be stationed at the City of General Santos, further amending for the purpose Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as the "*Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980*," as amended.

With the continuous deluge of cases contributing further to the already existing backlog, the level of disposition and resolution of court cases in the City of General Santos remains low such that and in effect, the administration of justice is compromised.

The passage of this bill is not only necessary but is of vital importance to provide impetus to Section 16 of Article II – Bill of Rights, which states that, "*all persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial or administrative bodies.*"

The courts could better serve the best interests of the public and respond accordingly to the growing demand for the immediate resolution of cases presently clogging the dockets in the existing Municipal Trial Courts in the City of General Santos, hence the creation of four (4) more additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the Eleventh Judicial Region is of utmost importance for the people of General Santos.

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


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ACT CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS, FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE.

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

SECTION 1. Four (4) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities for the City of General Santos, with seats thereat, are hereby created in the Eleventh Judicial Region.

SECTION 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches.

SECTION 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 funding therefor shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The funds necessary shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the court(s) and the appointment of its personnel.

SECTION 4. Section 14(l) 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 herewith, is hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further amended.

SECTION 5. Effectivity – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

APPROVED,