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Introduced by Honorable REYNALDO V. UMALI

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The bill was originally filed in the Sixteenth Congress as House Bill 3087 and substituted by House Bill No. 4486. During the Sixteenth Congress, this bill was approved by the Committee on Justice. It was subsequently approved by the House of Representatives on June 9, 2014 and transmitted to Senate on June 10, 2014, where it was not acted upon.

Section 16, Article III of our Constitution gives each person the right to a speedy trial, it provides that: "All person shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies." The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980 (BP 129) allotted the corresponding number of courts per judicial region based on the exigencies existing at that time.

Twenty five years have passed since the effectivity of BP 129, because of the increase in our population and the increase in the volume of cases filed, our court dockets have been clogged and this has resulted in the delay in the resolution of cases

In order to improve the disposition and administration justice and to ensure the right to a speedy trial, the number of courts must necessarily be increased.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


REYNALDO V. UMALI

Representative
Second District, Province of Oriental Mindoro

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AN ACT CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN THE 2ND DISTRICT OF ORIENTAL MINDORO WITH SEATS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BANSUD, BULALACAO, GLORIA AND MANSALAY AND ONE (1) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT WITH SEAT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONGABONG, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980," AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Four (4) additional Municipal Trial Courts in the 2nd District of Oriental Mindoro with seats in the municipalities of Bansud, Bulalacao, Gloria and Mansalay and One (1) additional Regional Trial Court branch with seat in the Municipality of Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro in the Fourth Judicial Region, are hereby created.

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.

SECTION 4. Sections 14 (h) and 29 of Batas Pambansa 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 its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.