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HOUSE BILL NO. 4609

Introduced by Representative Jonathan Keith T. Flores

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The right to speedy disposition of cases is a fundamental right of all persons. However, it is also an accepted fact that due to the number of cases pending before the courts, delays are not only expected but considered normal. The only way to ease the burden of litigants and to avoid the sting of the old familiar adage, "justice delayed is justice denied," is to add more courtrooms and judges.

The City of Malaybalay, the capital city of the Province of Bukidnon, has one Municipal Trial Court in Cities. It serves a growing city which, as of 2017, has a population of 172,945 residents.

Due to the increase in the population and the increase in the volume of cases filed, the present court docket has been clogged and resulted in the delay in the resolution of cases.

In order to improve the administration of justice and to ensure the protection of the right to a speedy trial, an additional branch of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the City of Malaybalay must be created.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT

CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE CITY OF MALAYBALAY, PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON, 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 House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. An additional branch of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities is hereby created in the Tenth Judicial Region to be stationed in the City of Malaybalay, Province of Bukidnon.

The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the newly created Municipal Trial Court in Cities branch in the Tenth Judicial Region.

SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court’s program the operationalization of the additional branch of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the City of Malaybalay, Province of Bukidnon, the funding of which

1 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The funds
2 necessary for the operation of the court herein created shall be appropriated and
3 released only upon the actual organization of the court and the appointment of
4 its personnel.

5 **SEC. 3.** Section 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as
6 “*The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980*,” as amended, and all other laws,
7 rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended,
8 repealed or modified accordingly.

9 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
10 the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general circulation.

11 Approved,