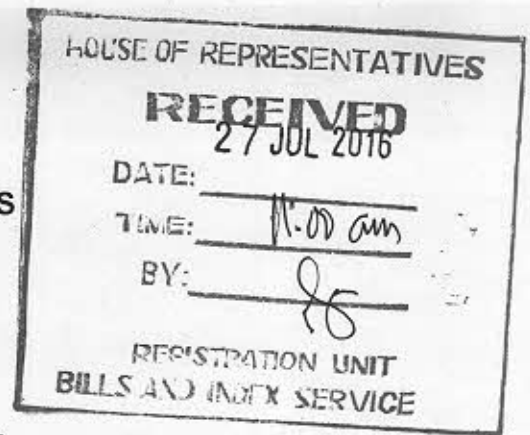


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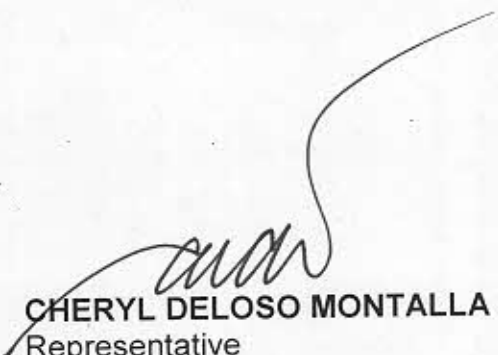
#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill which was approved on 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress seeks to create an additional regional trial court in the Third Judicial Region which will be situated in the Municipality of Iba in the province of Zambales. Currently, there are 3 regional trial court branches in the Second Legislative District of Zambales which cater to the legal/judicial needs of the people situated therein.

Even as the courts in the province have assiduously and competently discharged their functions and duties, they simply cannot cope with and dispose of cases faster than the sheer number of cases being filed in their respective salas.

Under Article III, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the right of the people to a speedy disposition of their cases is enshrined. The proposed RTC branch in the Municipality of Iba in the Province of Zambales is anchored on this constitutional provision

It is in this light that this bill is being filed and immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN**  
**THE MUNICIPALITY OF IBA SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES,**  
**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.** There is hereby created one (1) additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Third Judicial Region to be stationed in the Municipality of Iba, Province of Zambales is hereby created

The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the newly-created court branch in the Third Judicial Region.

**SEC. 2.** 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 operationalization of the additional of the Regional Trial Court branch to be stationed in the Municipality of Iba, Province of Zambales, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SEC. 3.** Section 14 (a) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reform Act of 1980" as amended as well as other provisions that may be inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed, modified or further amended.

**SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

***Approved,***