

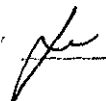
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 16, Article 111 of our Constitution gives each person the right to a speedy trial, it provides that: "All persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies."

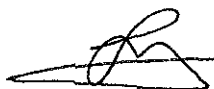
The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980 (BP 129) allotted the corresponding number of courts per judicial region based on the exigencies existing at that time.

Twenty seven 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.

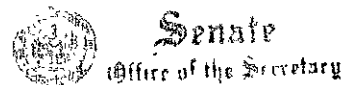
In order to improve the disposition and administration of justice and to ensure the right to a speedy trial, the number of courts must necessarily be increased.

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



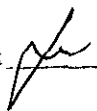
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AN ACT
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN
THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF
DIGOS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE
JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980," AS AMENDED, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. One (1) additional Regional Trial Court branch for Digos City,
2 Davao del Sur, with seat thereat, is hereby created in the Eleventh Judicial Region.

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4 SECTION 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch number for
5 the newly created branch.

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7 SECTION 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the
8 Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's
9 program the implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall likewise be
10 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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12 SECTION 4. Section 14 (l) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as
13 "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980," as amended, as well as other provisions
14 that may be inconsistent herewith, is hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further
15 amended.

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

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21 *Approved,*
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