

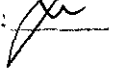
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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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.

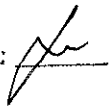
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AN ACT  
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN  
CITIES AND SEVEN ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL  
COURT IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY  
OF LAPU-LAPU, PROVINCE OF CEBU, FURTHER AMENDING 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 Municipal Trial Court in Cities branch and  
2 Seven (7) additional Regional Trial Court branches for Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu in the  
3 Seventh Judicial Region, with seats thereat, are hereby created  
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5           **SECTION 2.** The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for  
6 the newly created branches.  
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8           **SECTION 3.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the  
9 Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's  
10 program the implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall likewise be  
11 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.  
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13           **SECTION 4.** Sections 14 (h) and 29 of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise  
14 known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980," as amended, as well as other  
15 provisions that may be inconsistent herewith, is hereby deemed repealed, modified  
16 and/or further amended.  
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18           **SECTION 5. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
19 completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general  
20 circulation.  
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22           *Approved,*  
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