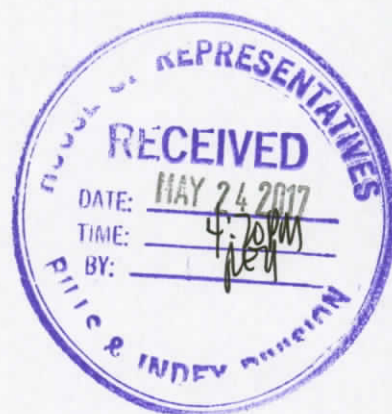




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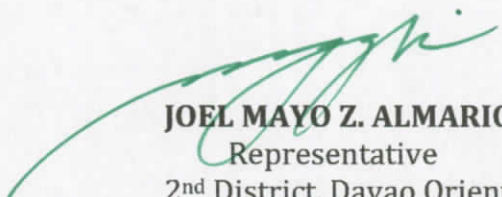
HOUSE BILL NO. **5718**

Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE JOEL MAYO Z. ALMARIO**

This bill seeks to create two additional branches each of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) and the Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC) in the City of Mati, Davao Oriental.

In the past decade, the City of Mati has transformed itself to become the primary education and economic hub of Davao Oriental. As more opportunities became available, more and more people from across the southern regions migrate, and continue to relocate to the city. The influx of people as well as the corresponding economic growth inevitably resulted in an increase in legal cases, both civil and criminal. Accordingly, the dockets of the judicial courts of the City of Mati have increased and the dispensation of justice is affected. The sheer volume of cases renders the two RTCs and the sole MTCC in the city insufficient to address the legal concerns and dispense of all the cases in a timely manner. This runs contrary to Section 16, Article III of the Philippine Constitution that assures each person of the right to a speedy trial. The creation of new courts through the passage of this bill will remedy the legal situation in the city and clear the court dockets, allowing not only for a speedy disposition of cases, but for the dissemination of justice and peaceful relations as well.

In consonance with the State's mandate of providing an effective mechanism for the efficient administration of justice, support for this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES IN THE CITY OF MATI, DAVAO ORIENTAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 **SECTION 1.** There shall be created two additional Regional Trial Court (RTC)
2 branches and two additional Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC) branches in the
3 City of Mati, Davao Oriental.

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5 **SECTION 2.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, in
6 coordination with the Secretary of Justice, shall immediately include in its program
7 the operationalization of the additional RTC and MTCCs in the City of Mati, Davao
8 Oriental, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.
9 The funds necessary for the operation of the courts herein created shall be
10 appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the courts and the
11 appointment of personnel.

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13 **SECTION 3.** This Act hereby amends Section 14 (K) and Section 29 of Batas
14 Pambansa Bilang 129, as amended. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations,

15 other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
16 hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

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18 **SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
19 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
20 circulation, whichever comes earlier.

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22 *Approved.*

