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Introduced by:

**HONORABLE REPRESENTATIVES PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ and RUWEL
 PETER S. GONZAGA**

AN ACT

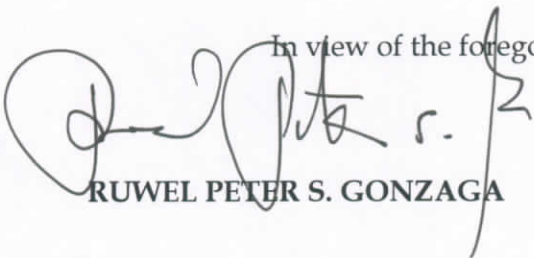
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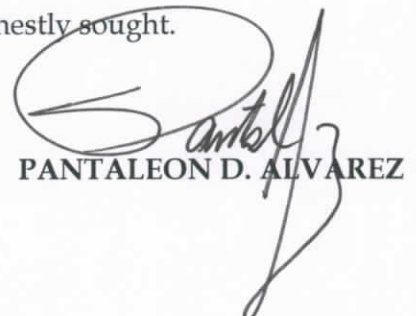
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to assign additional branches of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the Island Garden City of Samal in the Province of Davao del Norte, and the municipalities of Compostela, Nabunturan, and Mabini in the province of Compostela Valley, hereby amending for the purpose Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980.

As a result of flourishing trade and commerce and the continued population growth in the aforementioned city and municipalities, the nearest RTC branch situated in the distant city of Panabo, Davao del Norte, has been bombarded of submitted cases for their respective comments, consideration and resolution which further increases the already enormous number of cases being held and heard. This poses a difficulty for the judge to resolve cases speedily and without delay. Moreover, this burden is synonymous to denying the residents of the Island Garden City of Samal and the aforementioned municipalities close access to justice.

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


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

SECTION 1. Section 14 of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“ (1) [Forty-One] FORTY TWO Regional Trial Court Judges shall be commissioned for the Eleventh Judicial Region. There shall be:

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[Six] TEN BRANCHES with seats thereat for the Province of Davao Del Norte and the Island Garden City of Samal and the City of Tagum. Additional branches of the Regional Trial Courts shall also be stationed each in the Municipalities of Compostela, Nabunturan and Mabini with seats thereat in the province of Compostela Valley.

SECTION 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Island Garden City of Samal, province of Davao Del Norte and the Municipalities of Compostela, Nabunturan and Mabini in the

province of Compostela Valley and their corresponding number in accordance with this Act.

SECTION 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act as determined by the Supreme Court is hereby authorized to be included in the annual General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,