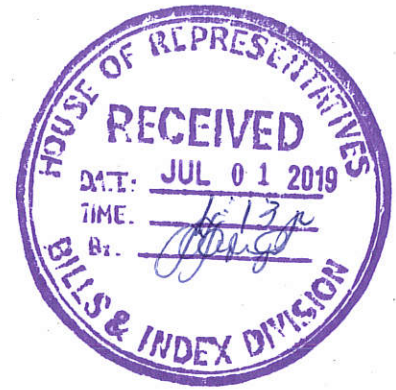


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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The creation of Compostela Valley Province from the Province of Davao del Norte by virtue of Republic Act No. 8470 on January 30, 1998, necessitates the establishment of a Provincial Registry of Deeds. As the new province grapples with the problems of its corporate and legal existence, the need for the services of this government agency could spell the difference between chaos and order with respect to land claims and disputes and other registration transactions among its populace. It can no longer depend on the services offered by its mother province as this would be impractical and a violation of its mandate as an independent political subdivision.

Apart from the geographical necessity, the establishment of a Registry of Deeds is also justified, among others, by the following reasons: the proliferation of both urban and agricultural subdivision projects; the need to attend to title transfers; the issuance of Emancipation Patents and Certifications of Land Ownership Award pursuant to the agrarian reform program of the government; the establishment of branches of different banks; the creation of loaning companies; and the increase of trading transactions.

As explained, the Registry's impact on the social and economic aspects of the people's lives is indispensable. Trite as it may seem, it does not even require any argument to advance the necessity and beneficiality of the proposition. What is essential is how soon it can be realized.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is urgently requested.

  
MANUEL "WAY KURAT" E. ZAMORA

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS OF THE PROVINCE OF  
COMPOSTELA VALLEY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established the Registry of Deeds of the Province of Compostela Valley which shall exercise jurisdiction over all municipalities of the province.

SEC. 2. The Registry of Deeds shall be located in the Municipality of Nabunturan.

SEC. 3. The Provincial Registrar shall be appointed by the Secretary of Justice upon the recommendation of the Administrator of the Land Registration Authority. The Registrar shall be assisted by a staff to be appointed by the Secretary of Justice in accordance with existing laws.

SEC. 4. All records pertaining to the jurisdiction of the Registry of Deeds of the Province of Compostela Valley shall be transferred thereto.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of the Department of Justice shall formulate the rules and regulations necessary for the implementation of this Act.

SEC. 6. The amount necessary to carry out the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Justice under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amounts as maybe necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Registry of Deeds of the Province of Compostela Valley shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,