

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City



EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS  
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL No. 4265

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Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE JULIETTE T. UY

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This measure is a re-filed version of House Bill No. 8665 approved by the House of Representatives on January 14, 2019 however due to time constraints, was not acted upon correspondingly by the Senate and subsequently archived at the close of the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress on June 30, 2019.

To reiterate, this bill seeks to create an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) at the Municipality of Villanueva in the Province of Misamis Oriental in light of the huge number of cases, filed and pending at the existing RTC's in the province.

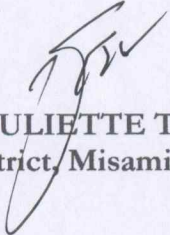
The addition of an RTC branch at Villanueva will de-clog the dockets of existing courts and greatly improve the administration of justice in the province; and accord the general populace access to the courts and services in a convenient and economical manner.

It is undeniable that the increasing population and socio-economic activities in the towns of Villanueva, Jasaan, Tagoloan, Claveria, Balingasag, Lagonglong, Salay and Binuangan, necessitates and reaffirms the creation of an additional RTC branch.

It is also noteworthy that the local government of Villanueva has firmly pledged to provide a parcel of land where the Hall of Justice for the said RTC branch can be built.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this measure is earnestly requested.

*Approved,*

  
**REP. JULIETTE T. UY**  
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AN ACT  
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
IN THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL TO BE STATIONED AT THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF VILLANUEVA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION  
14, PARAGRAPH (K) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 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:*

**SECTION 1.** There is hereby created an additional Regional Trial Court branch in the Tenth Judicial Region, with seat at the Municipality of Villanueva, Province of Misamis Oriental.

The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the newly-created branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Tenth Judicial Region.

**SECTION 2.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the operationalization of an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed at the Municipality of Villanueva, Province of Misamis Oriental, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 3.** Section 14 (k) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved.*