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PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ‘JUDICIARY
REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980’, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create a Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the Municipality of Sulop,
Province of Davao Del Sur, covering in its jurisdiction the Municipalities of Sulop, Hagonoy,
Kiblawan, Padada, and Malalag.

The 1987 Constitution ensures each person the right to a speedy trial. It is said that
justice delayed, is justice denied. However, the increase in the population and the
corresponding economic growth in the Province of Davao Del Sur inevitably resulted to an
increase in legal cases, both civil and criminal. Accordingly, the volume of cases filed and
currently pending in the two Regional Trial Court branches located in Digos City has also
increased which also delayed the resolution of these cases.

The creation of the new RTC to be located in the Municipality of Sulop will remedy
the legal situation in the Province and will enable for a speedy and just disposition of cases.

It is for the foregoing reason that the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 10176

Introduced by Representative Mercedes “Didi” C. Cagas

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

SECTION 1. A branch of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed in the Municipality of Sulop,
Province of Davao Del Sur, is hereby created.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch number for the newly created
Regional Trial Court.

SEC. 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 the new branch of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed in the Municipality of Sulop,
Province of Davao Del Sur, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Section 14 (I) and Section 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as the
“The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980”, as amended and all other laws, rules and
regulations that are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified
accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette
or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,