

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

13TH CONGRESS

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HOUSE BILL NO. 913

Introduced by **Honorable Rolex T. Suplico**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill proposes to create an additional Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of Estancia, Province of Iloilo.

There is only one (1) Regional Trial Court in the entire district, and it is based in Barotac Viejo, a town located around 3 hours away from Estancia. Because of the volume of cases that are being filed before the RTC of Barotac Viejo, its court dockets are increasingly becoming clogged. Handling all the cases being filed is almost an impossibility for the solo Regional Trial Court.

It is for this reason that another Regional Trial Court should be set up in Estancia. By such addition, the burden of hearing all the cases of the solely existing Regional Trial Court will be lessened. Furthermore, with two (2) Regional Trial Courts in the Municipality, justice will speedily be served to the people of Iloilo.

I pray that the immediate passage of this law be made.


HON. ROLEX T. SUPLICO
Congressman, 5th District of Iloilo

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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ESTANCIA,
PROVINCE OF ILOILO, AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, AS
AMENDED, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND FOR THE
OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created and established an additional Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of Estancia, Province of Iloilo.

Sec. 2. The Trial Court shall have jurisdiction over cases in the Province of Iloilo pursuant to Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, as amended by Republic Act No. 7691.

Sec. 3. The Supreme Court shall cause the construction of the Regional Trial Court and the assignment of the Presiding Judge.

Sec. 4. The Supreme Court shall allocate funds for the establishment of the additional Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of Estancia, Province of Iloilo. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,