



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila
Thirteenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3513



Introduced by Honorable Benjamin C. Agarao, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the fast growing Municipality of Siniloan, Province of Laguna, for the immediate resolution of cases which clog the dockets and delay the dispensation of justice in the area.

The Municipality of Siniloan is one of the seven (7) municipalities under the jurisdiction of the lone Regional Trial Court (RTC) of Siniloan, Laguna. The others are the towns of Paete, Pakil, Pangil, Mabitac, Famy and Sta. Maria. Presently, the docket of the court is full of cases: criminal (750), civil (117), special proceedings (47), land registration (25) and other cases (30). Because of this, the disposition of cases has been delayed. Even if the lone judge therein conducts court hearings everyday, morning and afternoon it is just humanly impossible to resolve the cases the most expeditious and proper way.

Apparently, there is unequal or uneven distribution of branches. In the City of San Pablo there are three (3) existing RTC branches which cover four (4) towns. On the other hand, the capital town of Sta. Cruz has four (4) branches with jurisdiction over eight (8) municipalities.

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


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE THE JUDICIARY
REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1981, AS AMENDED, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. Section 14 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise
known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1981, as amended, is hereby
further amended to read as follows:

"(e) [Ninety-six] NINETY-EIGHT Regional Trial Judges
shall be commissioned for the Fourth Judicial Region. There
shall be:

X	X	X
X	X	X

“[Seventeen] NINETEEN branches with seats thereat for the Province of Laguna and the City of San Pablo, with seats at Biñan, San Pedro, Sta. Cruz, San Pablo City, Siniloan and Calamba CITY;

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SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and the corresponding number of the branches in accordance with this Act.

SEC.3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this 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.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect after the lapse of fifteen (15) days from its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,