



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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5461



Introduced by Honorable Jesus Crispin Remulla

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution guarantees the right to speedy disposition of cases. Section 16, Article III (*Bill of Rights*) thereof provides:

"Sec. 16. All persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies."

In line with the above provision, this measure seeks to establish additional trial court branches in the Third District of the Province of Cavite with seats at the Municipalities of Naic and Silang and at the City of Tagaytay.

The Province of Cavite is one of the fast growing and progressive places at the Southern Tagalog Region with increasing population brought about by migration. An economically progressive province, it attracts people with varied interests and conflicting values which often result to misunderstanding. The contending parties almost always end up seeking the intervention of the courts to resolve conflicts and serious misunderstandings.

The province has been assigned twelve (12) branches of Regional Trial Court with one Municipal Trial Court branch each for the cities of Tagaytay and Trece Martires and two branches for Cavite City. However, these courts are clogged with cases that include criminal, civil, special

proceedings, land registration and other cases, resulting to delays in disposition of cases. The judges assigned in these courts cannot be blamed for such delays. They are, in fact, conducting court hearings everyday, but they cannot cope with the growing number of cases in their respective salas.

This proposed bill will definitely address the growing demand for the immediate resolution of cases which presently clog the dockets and slow down the dispensation of justice in the Province of Cavite.

Hence, its approval is earnestly recommended.



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL REGIONAL AND MUNICIPAL
TRIAL COURT BRANCHES IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF NAIC,
SILANG AND TAGAYTAY CITY, PROVINCE OF CAVITE,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 12 OR
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 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, as amended, is
hereby further amended to read as follows:

“(e) [Ninety-Six] NINETY-NINE Regional Trial Court
Judges shall be commissioned for the Fourth Judicial Region.

There shall be:

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[Twelve] FIFTEEN branches (with seats thereat) for the Province of Cavite and the Cities of Cavite, Tagaytay and Trece Martires, with seats at Naic, SILANG, Cavite City, Tagaytay City, Bacoar, Imus, and Trece Martires City, and Dasmariñas;

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SEC. 2 Section 29 of the same Act is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 29. *Municipal Trial Courts in Cities.* – In every city which does not form part of a metropolitan area, there shall be Municipal Trial Court with one branch, except as hereunder provided:

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Two branches for Cavite City;

TWO BRANCHES FOR TAGAYTAY CITY;

Two branches for Batangas City;

X X X X X X X X X.”

SEC. 3. The Supreme Court shall assign the additional branches of the Regional Trial Court for the Province of Cavite with seats at Naic, Silang and Tagaytay City.

SEC. 4. 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. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,