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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 5699

Introduced by **Hon. Joseph Emilio A. Abaya**



EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create two (2) additional Regional Trial Courts in the Province of Cavite to be stationed at Bacoor, Cavite and one (1) additional Municipal Trial Court in the Municipality of Bacoor, Cavite.

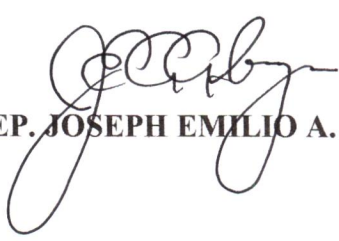
At present, the Province of Cavite has twelve (12) Regional Trial Courts (RTC), which exercise jurisdiction over all cases emanating from the twenty (20) municipalities and three (3) cities of the province. Three of these municipalities, namely Bacoor, Carmona and Gen. Mariano Alvarez, comprise the local scope of the two RTCs (Branch 19 and 89) stationed at Bacoor, Cavite.

Based on the 2000 census of the National Statistics Office (NSO), the Municipality of Bacoor alone has a total population of 305,699 persons. Apparently, there exists a great disparity between the number of courts and the number of inhabitants within the territorial jurisdiction of the RTCs in Bacoor, Cavite.

Supreme Court guidelines provide that the ideal case load in every court for the effective discharge of its duties and functions should be at most three hundred (300) cases in a year. It is unfortunate that such inadequacy in the number of courts in the Province of Cavite has contributed immensely to the delay in the administration of justice as well as the clogging of court dockets.

In this light, there is an extreme necessity to create additional Regional Trial Courts in Bacoor, Cavite. There is likewise an urgent need to augment the judicial services being provided by the present Municipal Trial Court of Bacoor, Cavite by creating an additional Municipal Trial Court therein in order to solve the complaints of party litigants and presiding judges regarding the backlog of cases and the slow grind of the present justice system in the municipality. The creation of additional courts in Bacoor, Cavite would not only address the clogged court dockets but would also promote the speedy disposition of cases in the Province of Cavite.

In view of the foregoing and in the highest interest of expeditious and efficient administration of justice, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE WITH SEATS AT BACOR, CAVITE, AS WELL AS ONE (1) ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PARAGRAPH (e), SECTION 14 AS WELL AS SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980” AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Section 14, Paragraph (e) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, as amended, otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980 is hereby further amended to create two (2) additional Regional Trial Courts in the Province of Cavite with seats at Bacor, Cavite.

SEC. 2. Section 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, as amended, otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980 is further amended to create one (1) additional Municipal Trial Court at the Municipality of Bacor, Province of Cavite.

SEC. 3. 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 two (2) additional Regional Trial Courts for the Province of Cavite, with seats each at Bacor, Cavite as well as one (1) additional Municipal Trial Court in Bacor, Cavite, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. The Supreme Court shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act and, if warranted, shall realign the seats of existing branches as well as their territorial jurisdictions.

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

Approved,