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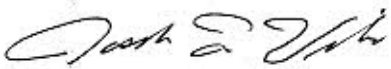
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create additional Regional and Municipal Trial Court Branches in the City of San Jose, Nueva Ecija.

The increasing number of cases filed in the existing courts of the Province of Nueva Ecija hinders the speedy disposition of cases and heavily burdens the personnel assigned to the said courts. Any delay in the service of judgment or procedure is prejudicial to parties involved in different legal issues.

This legislation intends to remedy the overflowing case dockets of the courts in the area and respond to the need for faster disposition of cases and more efficient delivery of justice.

Immediate approval of this bill is sought.


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AN ACT CREATING TWO(2) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
BRANCHES AND TWO(2) ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT
BRANCHES FOR SAN JOSE CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
BATAS PAMBANSA BLG, 129, 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
Congress of the Republic of the Philippines in session assembled.*

SECTION 1. Section 14, paragraph (c) of Batas Pambansa
Blg. 129, otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of
1980, as amended, is hereby futher amended to read as follows:

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(c)[Seventy-five] SEVENTY SEVEN Regional Trial
Judges shall be commissioned for the third
judicial Region. There shall be:

x x x

[Eighteen] TWENTY branches with seats thereat
for the Province of Nueva Ecija and the cities
of Cabanatuan, San Jose City, Palayan, Muñoz and
Gapan.

x x x

SECTION 2. Section 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise
known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, 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 a Municipalm Trial Court with one branch, except as hereunder provided:

Two branches for Laoag City;

Four branches for Baguio City;

Three branches for Dagupan City;

Five branches for Olongapo City;

Three branches for Cabanatuan City;

[Two] FOUR branches for San Jose City;

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SECTION. 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 Court branches and two (2) additional Municipal Trial Court branches for the Province of Nueva Ecija at the City of San Jose, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. The Supreme Court shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act and if warranted the realignment of seats of existing branches and their territorial jurisdiction.

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

Approved,