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HOUSE BILL NO. **750**

Introduced by Honorable Arturo B. Robes

EXPLANATORY NOTE

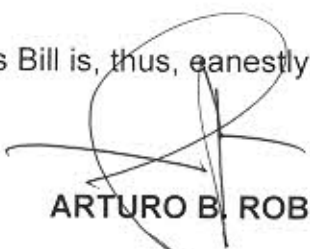
The bill seeks to create a Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the City of San Jose del Monte, Bulacan. There is no such existing Court in the City.

At present, the City has only one operating Municipal Trial Court in the City (MTCC) with pending cases, based on current Supreme Court records, number to about four thousand (4,000). The two additional MTCC Branches in the City created under Republic Act No. 9450 in May 15, 2007 are not yet operational, hence, such a volume of pending cases.

The Regional Trial Courts (RTCs) in the City of Malolos, Bulacan, at present, exercise territorial jurisdiction over the City of San Jose del Monte. Current Supreme Court records likewise show that 60% of the 3,100 cases pending before Malolos RTCs originated from the City of San Jose del Monte. The significant increase in the number of its inhabitants, now numbering to 750,000, coupled with its fast-paced social and economic development, contributed to this load of undisposed or undecided cases. Thus, as more cases remain unheard or undecided, the more it results to delays in the dispensation of justice.

"Justice delayed, justice denied."

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this Bill is, thus, earnestly sought.


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**“AN ACT CREATING A BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT (RTC)
IN THE CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 OF THE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG 129,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, 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 Re-organization Act of 1980”, as amended, is hereby further amended to read
as follows:

“Sec 14. Regional trial Courts.

x x x

(c) One branch in the City of San Jose del Monte, Bulacan.

x x x

SECTION 2. The Chief Justice of Supreme Court, in coordination with the
Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program
the operationalization of the Branch of the RTC in the City of San Jose del Monte,
Bulacan, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations
Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.