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HOUSE BILL NO. 2049

Introduced by HONORABLE JUSTIN MARC SB. CHIPECO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The City of Calamba, Province of Laguna is one of the known gateways of industrialization in Region IV. Since its cityhood in 2001, Calamba has become noted for benchmark development in all aspects of governance.

Among the much needed component of this development includes the local justice system. At present the City of Calamba has five (5) Regional Trial Court Branches. These trial courts serve not only the City but likewise the neighboring towns which to a point cannot fully meet up with the cases the courts are supposed to dispense for swift justice to be served.

As they say justice delayed is justice denied. This additional branch hopes to assure the people of the timely dispensation of justice in their cases.

The approval of this bill is most earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE CITY
OF CALAMBA, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14,
PARAGRAPH (E), OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Section 14, Paragraph (e) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, as amended by RA No. 7154 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 14. REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS

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

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

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SECTION 2. 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 an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court for the Province of Laguna to be stationed at the City of Calamba, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,