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HOUSE BILL NO. 2179

Introduced by **HONORABLE JUSTIN MARC SB. CHIPECO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Municipality of Los Baños is one of the emerging tourist destinations in Laguna. Its development continues to chart the progress of the province.

But development should cover all aspects of the local government unit including the dispensation of justice. While the Municipality of Los Baños continues to contribute to economic growth of the province, Los Baños still has to have its own Regional Trial Court where its residents can turn for their access to the court and to the protection of the law.

The Regional Trial Court in Los Baños will ease the case backlog which continues to burden the courts in the neighboring municipalities and will be an advantage to the residents who need the protective mantle of law and justice.

The approval of this bill is therefore most earnestly recommended.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR ONE (1) BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE OF
SECTION 14 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

“Sec. 14 Regional Trial court

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(Fourteen) FIFTEEN branches (Branches XXIV to (XXXVII) XXXVII-C) for the province of Laguna and the City of San Pablo, Branches XXIV and XXV with seats at Biñan, Branches XXVI to XXVIII at Sta. Cruz, Branches XXIX to XXXII at San Pablo City, Branch XXXIII at Siniloan, Branches XXXIV to XXXVII at Calamba and Branches XXXVII-A at LOS BAÑOS

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SEC. 2. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

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

Approved,