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HOUSE BILL NO. 3069

Introduced by **Honorable Danilo Ramon S. Fernandez**

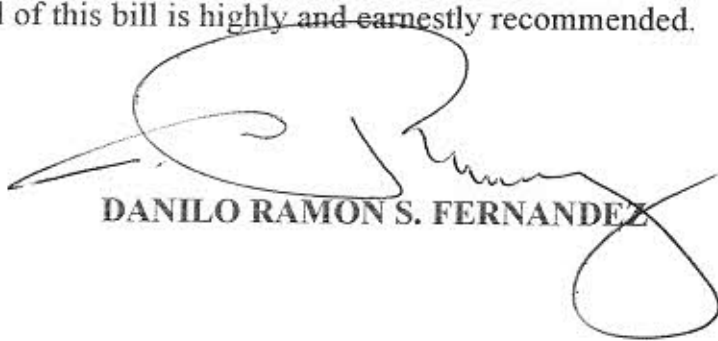
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish two additional branches of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) in Sta. Rosa City, Laguna.

Presently, Sta. Rosa City has only one branch of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC) and no branch of the RTC. All criminal and civil cases in Sta. Rosa, the jurisdiction of which is cognizable by the RTC are forwarded, heard and litigated in any of the two branches of the RTC in Biñan City. These two RTC branches in Biñan City are heavily clogged with cases in their respective dockets, notwithstanding the diligent effort of the judges concerned to dispose of their workloads speedily. Since it became a city in 2004, Sta. Rosa has become a fast booming metropolis serving its constituency of about 300,000 people.

The creation of additional branches of the RTC in the Fourth Judicial Region is of utmost importance not only for the people of Sta. Rosa but for the whole Province of Laguna as well. Additional branches of RTC in Sta. Rosa would greatly unload the RTC branches of Biñan of cases from Sta. Rosa and thereby reduce their workload. Furthermore, since Sta. Rosa is nearer to Cabuyao than Biñan, then by arrangement with the Supreme Court, cases from Cabuyao may now be brought to the RTC branches in Sta. Rosa. This will further ease up the burden of the RTC branches of Biñan from the Cabuyao cases.

In view of the foregoing and in order to have a speedier resolution of cases in Sta. Rosa City, approval of this bill is highly and earnestly recommended.



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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING TWO ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN STA. ROSA CITY, LAGUNA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE 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. There is hereby created two (2) additional Regional Trial Court (RTC) branches in the Province of Laguna, with seats at the City of Sta. Rosa.

The Supreme Court shall designate the branch numbers of the two (2) additional Regional Trial Court branches.

SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of Justice, shall immediately include in its program the operationalization of the additional Regional Trial Court branches in the Province of Laguna, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. This Act amends Section 14(e) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, as amended. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,