

House of Representative

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Introduced by Representative LANI MERCADO-REVILLA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

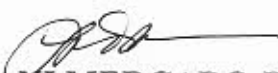
The recent redistricting of the entire Province of Cavite into seven (7) legislative districts from the previous three (3) is a testament to the surge in the population of the whole Province. And, as Cavite maintains its attractiveness for investments in different business sectors, more and more people continue to migrate and make the Province their place of residence.

The rapid rate of increase in urbanization in several key municipalities of the Province has created a lot of opportunities for local government units as well as difficulties in the administration of justice. Criminality is up, especially in cases concerning the illegal drug trade in highly urbanized and populated municipalities in Cavite. Also, with the enhancement of economic and commercial activities in and around most of the municipalities, the disputes arising out of or in connection with different commercial activities have also risen as well.

The effects of these can be seen in the rising number of criminal and civil cases being filed in various trial courts all over the Province. The number of disposed cases will always be lower than the number of cases being filed everyday in different trial courts no matter how efficient the Presiding Judge may be. In such instances, the cases being filed are most often overwhelming.

Hence, in order to hasten the administration of justice and to declog the dockets of numerous trial courts in different municipalities and cities in the Province of Cavite, there must be a corresponding increase in the number of first and second level trial courts. Failure to increase the number of trial courts in the Province will result in the ineffective and inefficient administration of justice and the corresponding decline in the confidence and trustworthiness of Caviteños in our courts of law.

Therefore, passage of this important legislation is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

CREATING FIFTEEN ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND NINE ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES AND CITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE 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 House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress, assembled:

SECTION 1. Three (3) additional Regional Trial Court branches for Bacoor, Cavite; Two (2) additional Regional Trial Court branches for Imus, Cavite; Three (3) additional Regional Trial Court branches for Dasmariñas City; Three (3) additional Regional Trial Court branches for Trece Martires City; Two (2) additional Regional Trial Court branches for Naic, Cavite; and Three (3) additional Regional Trial Court branches for Tagaytay City, with seats thereat, are hereby created in the Fourth Judicial Region.

SECTION 2. Three (3) additional Municipal Trial Court branches for Bacoor, Cavite; Three (3) additional Municipal Trial Court branches for Imus, Cavite; and Three (3) additional Municipal Trial Court branches for Dasmariñas City, with seats thereat, are hereby created in the Fourth Judicial Region.

SECTION 3. The Supreme Court shall assign the branch numbers for the newly created branches.

SECTION 4. Accordingly, Section 14(e) and Section 30 of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, as well as other provisions that may be inconsistent herewith, is hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further amended.

SECTION 5. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include, as may be determined on a priority basis, in the Court's program the implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 6. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,