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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 4333

Introduced by Honorable **CARMELO F. LAZATIN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The scope of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, involves the reorganization of the judiciary, which include the Court of Appeals, the Court of First Instance, the Circuit Criminal Courts, the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts, the Courts of Agrarian Relations, the City Courts, the Municipal Courts, and the Municipal Circuit Courts.

Although a prescribed number of municipal courts are stated in the Act, the present times necessitates additional municipal courts in order to accommodate different types of cases. Based from Section 30 of the Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, there a total of six municipal trial courts in the Province of Pampanga wherein four of which are in the City of San Fernando while the remaining two in the Municipality of Guagua.

With the pressing need to expedite the delivery of justice and to attend to other judicial concerns of the people, there is a call for the creation of additional municipal trial courts in the province particularly in the Municipality of Magalang and Mabalacat, thus, this bill calls for this type of judicial branch for the said municipalities.

In view of the foregoing premises, approval of this bill is ardently sought.


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AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT FOR THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MABALACAT AND MAGALANG, PAMPANGA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION SECTION 30 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 30 of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as the "Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 29. Municipal Trial Courts. — In each of the municipalities that are not comprised within a metropolitan area and a municipal circuit there shall be a Municipal Trial Court which shall have one branch, except as hereunder provided:

" x x x

" One for the Municipalities of Mabalacat and Magalang, both of Pampanga;

" x x x."

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 one additional branch of Municipal Trial Court in Municipalities in Pampanga, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. The Supreme Court shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act and if warranted, the realignment of the seats of existing branches and their territorial jurisdictions.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,