

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5519



Introduced by Representative Roberto V. Puno

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish fifteen (15) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and one (1) Municipal Trial Court in Antipolo City, Province of Rizal, amending for the purpose Batas Pambansa Blg 129, otherwise known as the "*Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980*," as amended.

Based from the data and recommendations of the Office of the Court Administrator, the combined caseload of the eight (8) existing branches of the Regional Trial Court in Antipolo City is 10,415, with an average caseload of 1,302 per branch. Taking into consideration the ideal caseload of 300-450 for a Regional Trial Court Branch, the ideal number of RTC branches for the said city is 23. Hence the proposal to create fifteen (15) additional branches.

In the case of the Municipal Trial Court in Antipolo City, there were 2,715 cases filed before its four (4) existing MTCC branches as of June 2011. The manageable caseload for MTCC ranges from 500-600, thus the need to create an additional branch.

In order to improve the disposition and administration of justice and to ensure the right to a speedy trial, the number of courts must necessarily be increased.

In view of the foregoing provisions, the approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.


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ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES AND FIFTEEN ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF ANTIPOLLO, PROVINCE OF RIZAL, 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 of the Philippines and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. One (1) additional Municipal Trial Court in Cities and fifteen (15) Regional Trial Court branches for Antipolo City, Rizal, with seats thereat, are hereby created in the Fourth Judicial Region.

SECTION 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches.

SECTION 3. 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 of the implementation of this Act. The Funding therefor shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. Sections 14 (e) and 29 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, are hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further amended.

SECTION 5. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,