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HOUSE BILL NO. 5536

Introduced by **Hon. MONIQUE YAZMIN Q. LAGDAMEO** and **Hon. MAR-LEN ABIGAIL S. BINAY**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Our Constitution mandates that "all persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies." Section 16, Article III, 1987 Constitution.

The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980 (B.P. 129) created, reorganized, and apportioned the corresponding number of courts per judicial region based on the exigencies at the time. Thirty years after the effectivity of B.P. 129, the population of the country has continued to balloon and the volume of cases filed has increased astronomically. Consequently, the court dockets have been clogged, resulting in delays in the resolution of cases.

In order to improve the disposition of cases and administration of justice, the number of courts must necessarily be increased.

In particular, from the data and recommendation of the Office of the Court Administrator, the combined caseload of the seven existing branches of the Metropolitan Trial Court (MeTC) in Makati City is around 8,053 with an average caseload of 1,150 per branch. The ideal caseload per MeTC branch being 500 - 600, the ideal number of MeTC branches for the city then is 13; thus, the proposal to create six additional branches.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CREATING SIX ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF MAKATI, 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. Six additional Metropolitan Trial Court branches for Makati City, with seats thereat, are hereby created in the National Capital Judicial Region.

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

SEC. 3. The Chief of Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. Section 27 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.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,