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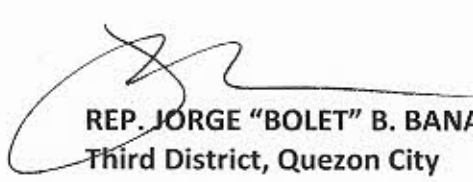
EXPLANATORY NOTE

It was in 1980 when the Judiciary Reorganization Act (Batas Pambansa Bilang 129) was enacted for the purpose of establishing the number of courts for each judicial region. The basis was the exigencies existing at that time.

Section 14 of BP 129 provides that there shall be a Metropolitan Trial Court (MeTC) in the National Capital Region composed of 82 branches, with 13 branches (Branches XXXI to XLIII) for Quezon City. After 31 years, however, it is apparent that this allocation of seats is no longer efficient. Population has grown considerably and the number of caseloads per branch is beyond manageable. Meanwhile, litigants are forced to face delays in the resolution of their cases.

Thus, there is a need to create additional MeTC branches in order give life to the constitutional guarantee of speedy trial, ensure that judges are able to promptly resolve cases, and improve the administration of justice for the benefit of litigants as well as the general public.

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


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AN ACT CREATING TWENTY-TWO (22) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION FOR QUEZON CITY, WITH SEATS THEREAT, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980," AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR IT

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. Twenty-two (22) additional Metropolitan Trial Court branches for Quezon City, with seats thereat, are hereby created in the National Capital 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 include in the Court's program the implementation of this Act, the funding for which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 4. Section 27 of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980," as amended, as well as other provisions of BP 128 that may be inconsistent with this Act is hereby deemed amended or repealed accordingly.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen days (15) upon its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,