



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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5668

Introduced by Honorable Isidro S. Rodriguez, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish five (5) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the Municipality of Morong and two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of San Mateo, Province of Rizal.

Section 16 of Article III (Bill of Rights) of the *Constitution states that, "All persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies".*

As of August 1, 2007, the total population of Rizal was 2,298,691. This represents an increase of 591,473 over the total population of 1,707,218 in 2000 or an annual population growth rate of 4.19 percent for the period 2000 to 2007. Together with the rapid growth of population is the increase in the number of cases in courts which clog the dockets thus, the inherent difficulty in resolving cases expeditiously.

The court should serve the best interest of the public. The growing demand for the immediate resolution of the cases which presently clog the dockets and slow down the dispensation of justice in the Province of Rizal must be promptly addressed. Hence, the creation of additional Regional Trial Court branches in the Municipalities of Morong and San Mateo is of utmost importance for the people of Rizal.

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


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AN ACT
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AND TWO ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN MATEO, PROVINCE OF
RIZAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG,
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. There is hereby created five (5) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the Municipality of Morong and two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of San Mateo, Province of Rizal.

The Supreme Court shall designate the branch numbers of the additional Regional Trial Courts.

SECTION 2. The Chief of Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of Justice , shall immediately include in its program the operationalization of the additional Regional Trial Court branches in the Province of Rizal, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. This Act amends Section 14(e) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, as amended. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in the newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,