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House Bill No. **6659**

Introduced by **Representative LORENZO R. TAÑADA III**

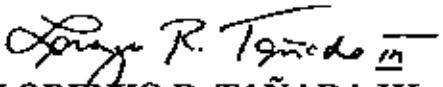
EXPLANATORY NOTE

Inasmuch as the 1987 Constitution allotted to Congress the power to define, prescribe, and apportion jurisdiction among the various courts (Section 2, Article VIII), it is the duty of the district representative to ensure that there is an ample number of courts in his district so as to ensure his constituents' access to the justice system.

In fulfilling this mandate, the representative keeps in mind another constitutional dictum, which is that all must be afforded the right to a speedy disposition of their cases (Section 16, Article III). This, of course, may be guaranteed by keeping a certain number of courts in proportion to the needs of the population, as well as the distinct legal relationships that exist in the community.

I propose to create two (2) additional Regional Trial Court branches in Gumaca, Quezon, in the Fourth Judicial Region. I believe that this will relieve the overflowing dockets of the existing courts and result in the improvement of the disposition and administration of justice in my district.

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


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AN ACT
CREATING TWO ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE
MUNICIPALITY OF GUMACA, PROVINCE OF QUEZON, 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. Two (2) additional Regional Trial Court branches for Gumaca, Quezon, 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 the implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. Section 14 (e) 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.

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,