

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

SIXTEENTH CONGRESS

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House Bill No. 606



Introduced by: Representative Emi Calixto-Rubiano

Explanatory Note

This bill seeks to establish five (5) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court and five (5) branches of the Regional Trial Court in the City of Pasay, amending for the purpose Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as the "Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended.

The passage of this measure is necessary in order to give impetus to Section 16 of the Bill of Rights (Article III) of the 1987 Constitution which declares that "*all persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial or administrative bodies*".

It is to be noted that the disposition of court cases in the City of Pasay has been very slow not only to the deluge of cases filed within the jurisdiction of the lower courts but also the present clogged dockets of the trial courts. These factors slow down the dispensation of justice. Hence, the creation of additional courts is needed in order to answer the demands for the speedy resolution of these cases.

This is a **re-filed measure** from the 15th Congress approved by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations per Committee Report No. 2541 and **approved by the House on 3rd Reading on 28 January 2013.**

In view of the foregoing, approval of this measure is earnestly requested.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Emi Calixto-Rubiano".

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE EMI CALIXTO-RUBIANO

AN ACT CREATING FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN PASAY CITY, METRO MANILA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(D) AND SECTION 27 OF 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 the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Five (5) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and five (5) additional branches of the Metropolitan Trial Court to be stationed in Pasay City, Metro Manila are hereby created in the National Capital Judicial Region.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers of the newly-created branches of the Regional Trial Court and Metropolitan Trial Court in the National Capital Judicial Region.

SEC. 2. 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 operationalization of five (5) additional Regional Trial Court branches and five (5) additional Metropolitan Trial Court branches to be stationed in Pasay City, Metro Manila, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Section 14(d) and Section 27 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other

laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,