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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 1712



Introduced by HON. NELSON "SONNY" P. COLLANTES

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide for the creation of a branch of Regional Trial Court in Agoncillo, Batangas.

It is said that "Justice delayed is justice denied". The 1987 Philippine Constitution states that "All persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial or administrative bodies". Due to the voluminous number of cases filed with the Regional Trial Court of Lemery, Batangas, justice is dispensed at a very slow rate. There is an undue delay in the disposition of cases.

At present, there is no Regional Trial Court in the municipality of Agoncillo, Batangas. Agoncillo is under the jurisdiction of Regional Trial Court of Lemery (branch V). The creation of a Regional Trial Court will unclog the dockets of branch V and provide speedy disposition of cases.

In view of the foregoing considerations, the approval of the bill is strongly recommended.

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**AN ACT CREATING A
BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGONCILLO,
PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. Creation of a Regional Trial Court-By virtue of Section 14, paragraph e of Batas Pambansa 129, otherwise known as the Judicial Reorganizational Act of 1980, there is hereby created a branch of the Regional Trial Court of Agoncillo, Batangas.

SECTION 2. The Supreme Court of the Philippines shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice shall immediately include in its program the operationalization of a Regional Trial Court of Agoncillo, Batangas the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,