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H. NO. **2409**

Introduced by Representative Joseller "Yeng" M. Guiao

Explanatory Note

Given the boom of various business industries and growth of residential areas in Angeles City, a corresponding increase in the population availing of the service of the judicial system within the area is expected. In fact, Republic Act No. 10582 has been recently enacted by Congress creating six (6) additional branches of Regional Trial Court in the Third Judicial Region to be stationed in Angeles City. However, the number of Municipal Trial Courts in Angeles City is maintained which will prove insufficient to handle the growing number of cases within its jurisdiction. At present, there are three (3) Municipal Trial Courts in Cities for Angeles City attending to cases at full capacity. The creation of two (2) additional first level courts in Angeles City is thus imperative to decongest the existing courts of cases to be tried, to prevent backlog in the hearing of cases and to expedite the delivery of justice.

In the same manner, the Municipal Circuit Trial Court of Mabalacat and Magalang in Pampanga has been burdened with attending to hundreds of cases from the now City of Mabalacat and the municipality of Magalang. Given the growing number of cases emanating from these two affected areas, there is a need to separate the jurisdiction of the existing circuit court and to establish two municipal trial courts—one each for the City of Mabalacat and the municipality of Magalang, respectively. This will ensure the speedy resolution of legal issues and disposition of cases filed.

Furthermore, with the creation of a separate municipal trial court in Magalang, the pursuit of justice for residents in Magalang will now be more readily accessible since litigants from the area will not have to travel all the way to the City of Mabalacat to file cases. It will mean less expense and time spent in attending court hearings.

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


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AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES FOR ANGELES CITY, ONE (1) MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT FOR MAGALANG AND ONE (1) MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES FOR THE CITY OF MABALACAT, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA; THUS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG.129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “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 branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities for Angeles City, Province of Pampanga, with seats thereat, are hereby created in the Third Judicial Region.

Section 2. The territorial jurisdiction of the Municipal Circuit Trial Court of Mabalacat and Magalang in the Province of Pampanga are hereby separated and a separate Municipal Trial Court in Cities for the City of Mabalacat and a separate Municipal Trial Court for Magalang, respectively, shall be established therein.

Section 3. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches.

Section 4. All pending cases falling within the jurisdiction of the Municipal Circuit Trial Court of Mabalacat and Magalang shall be transferred to the newly created Municipal Trial Court in Cities for the City of Mabalacat and Municipal Trial Court of Magalang, accordingly, and shall be tried and decided therein.

Section 5. 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 Appropriation Act. The funds necessary for the operation of the Courts herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the Courts and the appointment of its personnel.

Section 6. Section 29, 30 and 31 of BP Blg. 129 otherwise known as “The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980” as amended, as well as other provisions that may be inconsistent herewith, are deemed modified and/or further amended.

Section 7. Effectivity – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

APPROVED.