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House Bill No. **3396**



Introduced by **Representative JOSE CHRISTOPHER Y. BELMONTE**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On 16 April 2013, Republic Act 10480 was signed into law, effectively creating twenty-two (22) additional Metropolitan Trial Courts in Quezon City to reinforce the existing twelve (12) courts.

Unfortunately, the number of Regional Trial Courts in Quezon City remain at forty-five (45). The Executive Judges of the MeTC and the RTC in QC, a representative from the Supreme Court, as well as lawyers' groups such as the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, Quezon City Chapter, the Quezon City Trial Lawyers' League, the Women Trial Lawyers' League, and the Women Lawyers' Circle have expressed concerns that creating additional MeTC branches without adding more RTC branches will not solve the problem of de-clogging the courts or ensure the speedy administration of justice. The RTC serves both as a first level court, as well as an appellate court and more MeTCs shall mean more appellate cases, clogging the RTC dockets.

Hence, there is clearly a need to pass this bill seeking to create additional regional trial courts in Quezon City to ensure the speedy administration of justice in this jurisdiction. Immediate approval of this bill is hereby urged.


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**AN ACT CREATING NINETEEN (19) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TO BE
STATIONED IN QUEZON CITY, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE
BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY
REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980," AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. Nineteen (19) additional Regional Trial Court branches for Quezon City, with seats thereat, are hereby created in the National Capital Judicial Region to be stationed in Quezon City, Metro Manila.

SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly-created branches.

SEC. 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 operationalization of nineteen (19) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court, funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations 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.

SEC. 4. Section 27 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "*The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980*," as amended, as well as other provisions that may be inconsistent herewith, are hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further amended, accordingly.

SEC. 5. *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,