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HOUSE BILL NO. 3584

Introduced by **Representative Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution of the Philippines provides in Article III, Section 16 that "All persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies." A Filipino's right to trial does not only secure equal protection of the laws, but also mandates a speedy and public trial.

In order to gratify the provisions of the Constitution, it is necessary to establish additional trial courts to regions with a modest number of existing courts. The proponent of this bill believes that the Municipality of Asingan is eligible to have its own branch of regional trial court to serve its growing population as well as those who are in the municipality of San Manuel.

The creation of this regional trial court is of utmost importance to the people of Pangasinan as it serves the public interest of providing a speedy disposition to trials while

promoting the proper administration of justice. Immediate Passage of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE
MUNICIPALITY OF ASINGAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, 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. Section 14, Paragraph (a) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, as amended, otherwise known as the Judiciary Organization Act of 1980, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Section 14. Regional Trial Courts.

- (a) ~~Seventy-two~~ **Seventy-three** Regional Trial Court Judges shall be commissioned for the First Judicial Region. There shall be:

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~~Twenty-four~~ **Twenty-five** branches for the province of Pangasinan and the Cities of Dagupan and San Carlos, with seats at Lingayen, Dagupan, Urdaneta, Villasis, Tayug, Rosales, **Asingan**, Alaminos, San Carlos, and Burgos.

Section 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 implementation of this Act. The funding therefore shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,