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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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HOUSE BILL NO. 7204

Introduced by Representative Luis "Jon-Jon" A. Ferrer IV

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create two additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Fourth Judicial Region to be stationed in the City of General Trias, Province of Cavite.

General Trias (formerly San Francisco de Malabon) is a first class component city in the Province of Cavite. In the 2015 census, the population of the City of General Trias was 314,303 with a density of 3,900 inhabitants per square kilometer. The increasing growth rate is brought about by expanding industrial activities and the booming residential and commercial subdivisions.

The influx of people as well as the corresponding economic growth inevitably resulted in an increase of civil and criminal cases which slowed down the rate of disposition of cases. The proposal to create two additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the City of General Trias seeks to address the growing demand for the immediate resolution of these cases.

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

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AN ACT

CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS, PROVINCE OF CAVITE 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 Regional Trial Court are hereby created in the Fourth Judicial Region to be stationed in the City of General Trias, Province of Cavite.

SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches in the City of General Trias.

SEC. 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of Justice, shall immediately include in the program of the Supreme Court the operationalization of the two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the City of General Trias. The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The funds shall be appropriated and released only upon the

1 actual organization of the courts and the appointment of their respective
2 personnel.

3 SEC. 4. Section 14(e) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, as amended,
4 otherwise known as the "*Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980*," and all other
5 laws, executive orders, and rules and regulations which are inconsistent with
6 this Act are hereby amended or modified accordingly.

7 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
8 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

9 Approved,