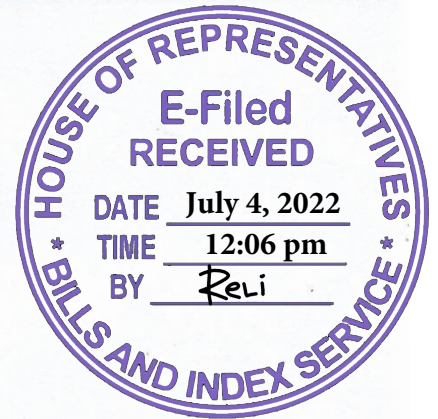


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HOUSE BILL NO. 1055



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create an additional 10 branches of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) and five (5) branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC) in the City of Antipolo, Rizal.

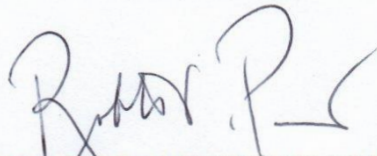
Antipolo has been cited as the most populous city in CALABARZON and the seventh most populous city in the country in the 2020 Census Population (POPCEN) with 887,399 persons. This number is anticipated to increase over the years with the initiative of the government to make more opportunities available in the provinces and thereby attract the migration of more people into the city. As such, legal cases are also expected to increase along with the projected spike in population.

This measure seeks to aid in decongesting the existing branches and ensure the prompt resolution of cases, and to ensure adequate legal services in line with the trend of migration of people to Metro Manila's neighboring cities and municipalities, as well as the recent transfer of the capital and seat of government of the Province of Rizal to Antipolo City.

This is in accordance to Section 16, Article III of the Philippine Constitution that assures all persons the right to a speedy trial.

During the 18th Congress, a version of this bill has been approved on Third and Final Reading by the House Plenary and transmitted to the Senate. However, due to time constraints, the Senate counterpart bill failed to hurdle the second reading. Thus, this bill is refiled in the 19th Congress.

For the aforementioned reasons, immediate passage of this bill is sought.


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AN ACT CREATING TEN (10) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF ANTIPOLO, PROVINCE OF RIZAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (E) AND SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED

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

SECTION. 1. Ten (10) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and five (5) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the Furth Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the City of Antipolo, Province of Rizal.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches of the Regional Trial Court and Municipal Trial Court in Cities.

SEC. 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 operationalization of the additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the City of Antipolo, Province of Rizal. The funds necessary for the operation of the courts herein created shall be appropriated and release only upon the actual organization of the courts and appointment of its personnel.

SEC. 3. Sections 14(e) and Section 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent of this Act are hereby amended , repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,