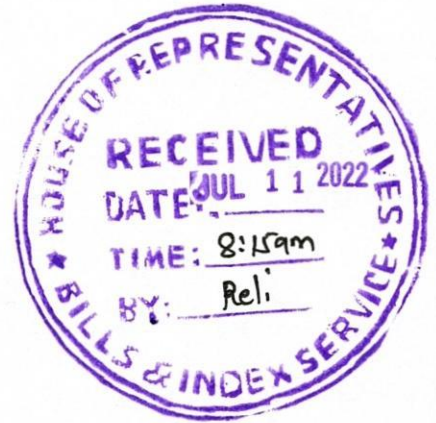


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HOUSE BILL No. 1717



Introduced by REP. RUTH MARIANO-HERNANDEZ

AN ACT

CREATING SIX (6) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS AND IN THE CITY OF CABUYAO, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, AND CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF CABUYAO, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14 (E) AND 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill is a re-filed measure as it was approved by the House of Representatives in the 18th Congress as House Bill 7024 on September 1, 2020 and transmitted to the Senate on September 3, 2020.

This measure seeks to create six additional branches of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed at the Municipality of Los Baños (1), and the City of Cabuyao (5); and an one (1) branch of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC) in Cabuyao, all in the Province of Laguna in light of the increasing number of cases being filed in the province.

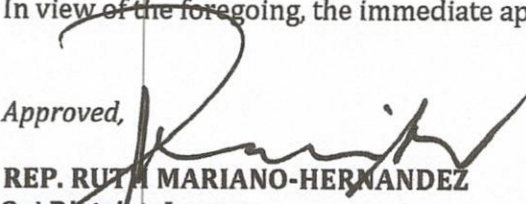
The addition to RTC branches at Los Baños and Cabuyao City will help in de-clogging the dockets of the existing courts and help improve the general conditions of the justice system in the area and the province in general.

This measure shall also help business entities, civil society groups and people from all walks of life gain more convenient and less expensive access to the court and its services.

The increasing economic and business activities in the Second Legislative District that is composed of the municipalities of Los Baños and Bay, and the City of Cabuyao only reaffirm the necessity to create additional Court branches.

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

Approved,


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

SECTION 1. Six (6) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Fourth Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed as follows:

- (a) One (1) branch in the Municipality of Los Baños, Province of Laguna; and
- (b) Five (5) branches in the City of Cabuyao, Province of Laguna.

One (1) additional branch of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities is likewise hereby created and stationed in the City of Cabuyao, Province of Laguna.

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 six (6) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and one (1) additional branch of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the Fourth Judicial Region. 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. 3. Sections 14 (e) and 29 of Batas Pambansa Big. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with 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,