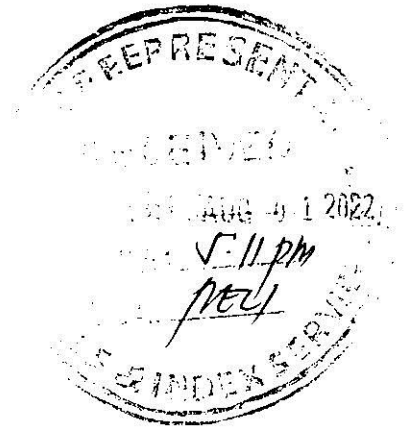


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HOUSE BILL NO. 2925



Introduced by: **REP. TOBIAS "TOBY" M. TIANGCO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill provides for the establishment of the three (3) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and two (2) additional branches of the Metropolitan Trial Court in the National Capital Judicial Region to be created and stationed in the city of Navotas, Metro Manila hereby amending Batas Pambansa Blg. 129 otherwise known as Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980 and for the appropriation of funds of their operationalization.

Pursuant to Section 16 of the 1987 Constitution, "All persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies. As observed by then Justice Antonio T. Carpio, to achieve this "the number of courts in a locality must follow a judge to population ratio." Navotas City has a population of 247,543 residents. There are currently four (4) Regional Trial Courts and three (3) Metropolitan Trial Courts in the City of Navotas. This means that there is one (1) Regional Trial Court Judge for every 61,885 residents and one (1) MTC Judge per 82,514 residents. This means that there are "no enough courts to meet the society's needs." According to the Philippine Statistics Authority, a judge would usually have a huge "average annual workload of 644 cases."

Hence, there is a compelling need in order to give meaning to the Constitutional provision in providing speedy disposition of cases by creating additional branches of Regional Trial Courts and Metropolitan Trial Courts in the City of Navotas.

The proposed bill was filed during the 18th Congress and the same was passed on the third and final reading in the House of Representatives as House Bill No. 10067 and was transmitted to the Senate for its consideration.

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


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AN ACT
CREATING ADDITIONAL THREE (3) BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND TWO (2) BRANCHES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT NAVOTAS CITY, METRO MANILA AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH D OF BP 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. Three (3) additional branches of Regional Trial Court and two (2) additional branches of Metropolitan Trial Court are hereby created in the National Capital Judicial Region, to be seated at Navotas City, Metro Manila.

SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice shall immediately include in the Courts program the operationalization of three (3) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and two (2) additional branches of the Metropolitan Trial Court to be stationed in Navotas City, Metro Manila, the funding which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Sections 14, paragraph (d) and Section 27 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as the "Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980" as amended, are hereby amended accordingly.

SEC. 4. The Supreme Court shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act and if warranted, the realignment of the seats of existing branches and their territorial jurisdictions.

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

Approved.