

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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*First Regular Session*



House Bill No. **7154**

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**Introduced by Honorable Roy M. Loyola**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to create two (2) Municipal Trial Court branches to take cognizance of cases emanating from the Municipality of Silang ("Silang") in the Province of Cavite to be stationed in Silang, Cavite.

Article III, Sections 11 and 16 of the 1987 Constitution provides that, "free access to the courts and quasi-judicial bodies and adequate legal assistance shall not be denied to any person by reason of poverty" and "all persons shall have the right to speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial or administrative bodies."

Republic Act No. 10454 establishes eight (8) Municipal Trial Courts within Cavite, two (2) Municipal Trial Courts in Bacoor which is 27kms away from Silang, three (3) Municipal Trial Courts in Imus which is 22.6kms away from Silang, and the nearest of them Dasmarinas having three (3) Municipal Trial Courts within 11.75kms away from Silang. This becomes an issue of accessibility of courts most especially people from Silang, the distance between Silang and other Municipal Trial Courts in Cavite proves to be a challenge. Furthermore, most of the litigants and residents of the said municipality do not bother to seek justice from the court mainly due to their lack of finances and the need to travel. Thus, in effect, they are denied access to the courts by reason of their poverty making Article III, Sections 11 and 16 of the 1987 Constitution rendered nugatory.

Hence, there is a need to create two (2) Municipal Trial Court branches to take cognizance of cases originating from the Municipality of Silang, Province of Cavite to be stationed in Silang, Cavite to have an efficient and effective administration of justice for the poor constituents thereof.

It is for this purpose and the advancement of the common good that early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**

**CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (E) 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.** Two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in the Fourth Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the Municipality of Silang, Province of Cavite.

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

**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 Municipal Trial Court in the Municipality of Silang, Province of Cavite.

**SEC. 3.** The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act, including appropriations for personnel services such as salaries, benefits and emoluments for judges and court personnel, court operations under maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE), and provisions for Halls of Justice or courtrooms to accommodate judges and court staff, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SEC. 4.** Section 14 (e) 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 with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,