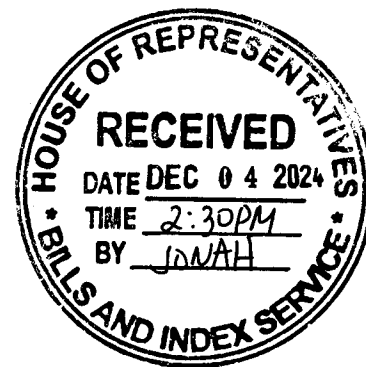


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HOUSE BILL NO. 11174



Introduced by REP. FAUSTINO 'INNO' A. DY V

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create two (2) additional branches of Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the City of Cauayan, Province of Isabela.

At present, Cauayan City has three (3) RTC branches and one (1) Municipal Trial Court (MTC). Given the growing population and increasing volume of cases filed in the city, the current number of RTC branches is encountering difficulties in managing the volume of cases. This situation has resulted in delays in the administration of justice, impeding the immediate resolution of cases. Such delays contradict Section 16, Article III of the 1987 Constitution, which states that "(a) all persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies."

Therefore, the creation of two additional RTC branches in Cauayan City will help reduce the burden of the current caseload, allowing existing courts to function more efficiently and ensuring that cases are processed in a timely manner. Not only will this enhance the access to justice for the residents of Cauayan City, and its neighboring municipalities, but also provide them a quicker and more responsive judicial system.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT (RTC) TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF CAUAYAN,
PROVINCE OF ISABELA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14,
PARAGRAPH (k) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 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. Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) for the City of Cauayan in the Province of Isabela, with seat thereat, is hereby created in the Second Judicial Region.

SECTION 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches of the Regional Trial Court.

SECTION 3. 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 branches of the RTC, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The funds necessary for the operation of the Court herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the Court and the appointment of its personnel.

SECTION 4. This Act hereby amends Section 14(b) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980" as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations that are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,