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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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”.

However, the above provisions are often times rendered nugatory. The Municipal Circuit Trial Court (MCTC) of Silang-Amadeo is a single court branch that handles all cases originating from both municipalities of Silang and Amadeo, Province of Cavite. However, with the growing population, increased commercial activity, and the consequent rise in judicial workload—particularly in the rapidly urbanizing municipality of Silang—it has become increasingly burdensome for a single court to efficiently administer justice across both jurisdictions.

This bill seeks to create a separate municipal trial court for each municipality. The separation of Silang from the existing circuit and the creation of a dedicated Municipal Trial Court (MTC) for Silang will promote more effective and expeditious administration of justice. It will allow the court to respond more promptly to the needs of litigants and reduce congestion in court dockets, thereby enhancing access to judicial services and reinforcing the constitutional right to speedy disposition of cases.

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


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE EXISTING 2ND CIRCUIT MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT
OF SILANG-AMADEO INTO A MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT WITH SEAT AT
THE MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, AND CREATING A SEPARATE
MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF AMADEO, ALL
SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE, IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL
REGION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE 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:

1 **SECTION 1.** The existing 2nd Circuit Municipal Circuit Trial Court of Silang-
2 Amadeo, Cavite is hereby converted into a Municipal Trial Court with seat at the
3 Municipality of Silang.

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5 A separate Municipal Trial Court with seat at the Municipality of Amadeo is
6 hereby created.

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8 **SEC. 2.** All cases pending in the 2nd Circuit Municipal Circuit Trial Court of
9 Silang-Amadeo, Cavite shall be transferred to the proper Municipal Trial Court created
10 herein and shall be tried and decided therein.

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12 **SEC. 3.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is hereby authorized to create
13 new and additional positions, to make changes in assignments of personnel, and to
14 effect such reorganization as may be necessary to fully implement this Act: *Provided,*

15 That the same shall not undermine the security of tenure of the incumbent judge and
16 personnel of the 2nd Circuit Municipal Circuit Trial Court of Silang-Amadeo.

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18 **SEC. 4.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the
19 Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include the funds necessary
20 to fully operationalize the courts created by this Act in the Annual General
21 Appropriations Act. The funds necessary for the operation of the courts herein created
22 shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the courts and
23 the appointment of its personnel.

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25 **SEC. 5.** Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary
26 Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, executive orders, and
27 rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended,
28 repealed or modified accordingly.

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30 **SEC. 6.** This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the completion
31 of its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,