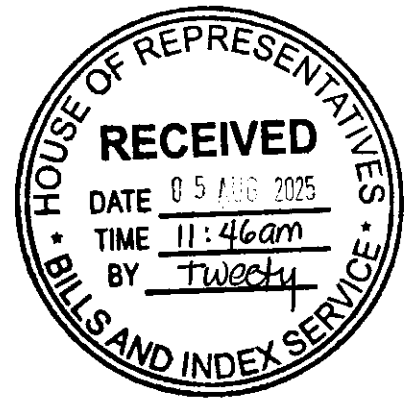


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The speedy resolution of court cases is essential in the administration of justice. Section 16, Article III of the 1987 Constitution provides that "all persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies." This constitutional provision has been the cornerstone of Philippine judicial system.

However, despite the fundamental concept of speedy justice, the Philippines still faces challenges that hinder its full realization. Among these challenges are: case docket overload, high cost of litigation, inadequate resources, and scarcity of courts to handle cases. To address these challenges, the Supreme Court has proactively initiated judicial reforms such as the digitalization of court processes, the implementation of continuous trial system, and promotion of alternative dispute resolution.

Resolving court cases within a reasonable time have notable impacts such as upholding due process, maintaining public trust in the legal system, and creating an environment vital for investment and growth.

On our side, as a co-equal branch of the government, we must also take an active part in supporting efforts to expedite justice. This measure, creating an additional Regional Trial Court to be stationed in the Municipality of Infanta, Province of Quezon will provide additional capacity to decongest court cases in the province.

It is for this reason that the immediate approval of this bill is being sought.


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AN ACT

CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF INFANTA, PROVINCE OF QUEZON 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 The House of Representatives of
the Philippines assembled:*

SECTION 1. One (1) additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Fourth
Judicial Region is hereby created and stationed in the Municipality of Infanta,
Province of Quezon.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly
created branch 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 branch of the Regional Trial Court in the
Municipality of Infanta, Province of Quezon.

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 the Hall of Justice or courtroom to
accommodate judges and court staff, shall be included in the annual General
Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. Sec. 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 immediately upon approval.

Approved,