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House Bill No. **3246**



Introduced by: **REPRESENTATIVE ERIC L. OLIVAREZ**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

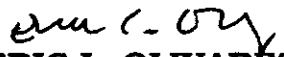
The swift and efficient administration of justice plays a vital role in fostering national stability and growth.

The rapid urbanization and economic development of Parañaque contribute to a significant increase in the case load of our City's Regional Trial Courts (RTC). As a result, courts are burdened with case docket congestion, which threatens to undermine the efficiency, effectiveness, and timeliness of judicial processes.

To address this pressing concern, the creation of three (3) additional RTC branches in Parañaque is proposed. This measure is both necessary and urgent to assist in the expeditious resolution of cases, decongest court dockets, and uphold the constitutional right to a speedy disposition of cases.

This initiative seeks to strengthen the judiciary and upholding the constitutional guarantee of speedy disposition of cases and equal access to justice.

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


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AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN PARANAQUE CITY, METRO MANILA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE, SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (D) 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. Three (3) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) with seats at Parañaque City, Metro Manila are hereby created in the National Capital Judicial Region.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers of the newly created branches of the Regional Trial Court in the National Capital Judicial Region.

SECTION 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 three (3) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed in Parañaque City, Metro Manila. 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 jurisdiction.

SECTION 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, as well as funds necessary for the

implementation of automatically created prosecutor positions pursuant to Section 13 of Republic Act No. 10071 or the "Prosecution Service Act of 2010" and appointment of public attorneys pursuant to Section 7 of Republic Act No. 9406 of the Act reorganizing and strengthening the Public Attorney's Office (PAO), resulting from the creation of these courts, including appropriations for personnel services such as salaries, benefits, and emoluments for prosecutors and public attorneys, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,