



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila



Twentieth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3427

Introduced by Representative Antonio “Ony” A. Ferrer

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create three additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Fourth Judicial Region to be stationed in the City of General Trias, Province of Cavite.

General Trias (*formerly San Francisco de Malabon*) is a first-class component city which also constitutes the Sixth Legislative District in the Province of Cavite. In the 2020 census, the population of the City of General Trias was 450,583 with a density of 5,006 inhabitants per square kilometer. The increasing growth rate is brought about by expanding industrial activities and the booming residential and commercial subdivisions.

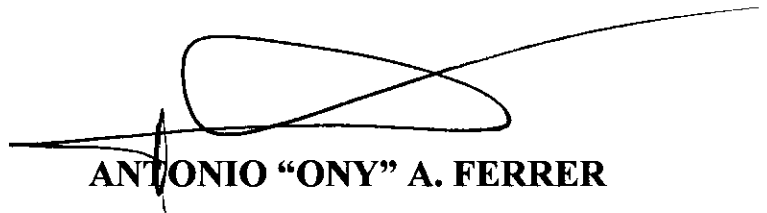
The influx of people as well as the corresponding economic growth inevitably resulted in an increase of civil and criminal cases which slowed down the rate of disposition of cases. The proposal to create three additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the City of General Trias seeks to address the growing demand for the immediate resolution of these cases.

It is true that civil and criminal cases are also being raffled and docketed before the Regional Trial Court of Trece Martires City. However, many of these cases originate from the City of General Trias. For instance, as of February 23, 2023, out of the 16,094 cases being raffled in the four (4) Regional Trial Courts that we share with Trece Martires City and Tanza, 8,256 or 51.3% are coming from the City of General Trias.

In adherence to the rights to speedy disposition of cases and to speedy trial enshrined under the Constitution and so as to not erode the faith and

confidence of the public in the State, this bill seeks to prevent delays in the administration of justice by creating three additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the City of General Trias in order that the judiciary may proceed with reasonable dispatch in the trial of cases coming from the city.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT

**CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO
BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF GENERAL TRIAS, 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. Three (3) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court
in the Fourth Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the City of
General Trias, Province of Cavite.

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

SEC. 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the
Secretary 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 the City of General Trias, Province of Cavite, the
funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

1 SEC. 4. Section 14 (e) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as
2 the “*Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980*,” as amended, and all other laws,
3 rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended,
4 repealed or modified accordingly.

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

7 Approved,