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HOUSE BILL NO. **3948**



Introduced by Honorable Timothy Joseph E. Cayton

EXPLANATORY NOTE

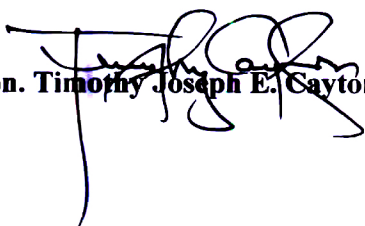
The effective administration of justice is a cornerstone of good governance and the rule of law. However, the current number of Municipal Trial Court (MTC) branches in the province of Nueva Vizcaya is insufficient to meet the growing demand for timely and accessible judicial services. This shortage results in overburdened court dockets, delays in case disposition, and inconvenience for litigants who must travel long distances to attend hearings.

This proposed measure seeks to address these challenges by creating four (4) additional MTC branches to be stationed in the municipalities of *Alfonso Castañeda, Diadi, Quezon, and Sta. Fe*.

The creation of these new courts will:

- Reduce case backlogs and speed up the resolution of disputes
- Improve access to justice by bringing judicial services closer to the people
- Enhance efficiency in the administration of justice in the province

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


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CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL
COURTS IN THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA, TO BE STATIONED AT THE
MUNICIPALITIES OF ALFONSO CASTAÑEDA, DIADI, QUEZON, AND STA. FE,
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:*

Section 1. Four (4) additional Municipal Trial Court (MTC) branches in Alfonso Castañeda, Diadi, Quezon, and Sta. Fe, are hereby created for the Province of Nueva Vizcaya.

Section 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly-created branches of the Municipal 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 additional branches of the Municipal Trial Courts the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).

Section 4. Section 30 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as “The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980”, as amended, as well as other provisions that may be inconsistent herewith, are deemed repealed, modified, and/or further amended.

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

Approved,