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HOUSE BILL NO. 4647



Introduced by REP. DENNIS "TOM" L. HERNANDEZ

AN ACT
CREATING FOUR (4) BRANCHES OF REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS AND TWO (2)
ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF RODRIGUEZ (MONTALBAN),
PROVINCE OF RIZAL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The San Mateo Regional Trial Court (RTC) serves both the Municipality of San Mateo and the Municipality of Rodriguez (Montalban). From 2023 up to June 2025, RTC San Mateo has tallied nearly 2,000 cases originating from the Municipality of Rodriguez (Montalban), some of which cases need a minimum of two years to complete, up to resolution. Given the volume of cases the RTC must resolve within court-prescribed periods, it is quite apparent that the courts are in dire need of reinforcement, in the form of new court branches, for speedy dispensation of justice.

The population of the Municipality of Rodriguez (Montalban) is much greater than that of the Municipality of San Mateo, and yet, it is the San Mateo RTC that was mandated with resolving the appealed cases from Rodriguez (Montalban). In most cases, while bail is set at the San Mateo RTC, the required clearances and paperwork must be done in Rodriguez (Montalban). This puts a lot of strain on the already sorry state of financial resources of most Montalbenyos seeking redress or judicial relief.

For the poor litigants of Montalban, the heavy vehicular traffic, transportation costs, and time spent traveling to and from home and the courts are also part of their quest for justice. The creation of new court branches in Rodriguez (Montalban) will certainly help lessen the burden on both Montalbenyo litigants and the courts in San Mateo alike.

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


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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. – Four (4) branches of the Regional Trial Court and two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in the Fourth Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the Municipality of Rodriguez (Montalban), Province of Rizal.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly-created branches of the Regional and Municipal Trial Courts.

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 four branches of the Regional Trial Court and two additional Municipal Trial Courts in the Municipality of Rodriguez (Montalban).

The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act, including appropriations for personal services (PS) such as salaries, benefits, and emoluments for judges and court personnel, court operations under maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE), and capital outlay provisions for the construction of Halls of Justice or courtrooms to accommodate judges and court staff, as well as funds necessary for the implementation of newly-created prosecutor positions pursuant to Section 13 of Republic Act No. 10071, or the "Prosecution Service Act of 2010" and appointment of new public attorneys pursuant to Section 7 of Republic Act No. 9406 or the Act reorganizing and strengthening the Public Attorney's Office (PAO), corollary to the creation of these courts, including appropriations for personal services such as

salaries, benefits, and emoluments for prosecutors and public attorneys, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

The funds necessary for the operation of the courts herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the court and the appointment of its personnel.

SEC. 3 – Section 14(e) and Section 30 of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as “The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980” as amended, and all other laws, rules, and regulations that are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,