

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 4861



Introduced by **HONORABLE RAMON JOLO B. REVILLA III,**
HONORABLE LANI MERCADO-REVILLA, and,
HONORABLE BRYAN B. REVILLA

AN ACT
CREATING A BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE
STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF KAWIT, PROVINCE OF
CAVITE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14,
PARAGRAPH E OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE “JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980,”
AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure intends to establish a branch of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the Fourth Judicial Region to be created and stationed in the Municipality of Kawit, Province of Cavite, thereby amending Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as the “Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980,” and provide for the respective appropriation of funds of their operationalization.

Adhering with Section 16, Article III of the 1987 Constitution that “all persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies,” the State must ensure that judicial branches, among many, are sufficient to handle the influx of cases and avoid severe judicial congestion.

Accordingly, the present judge-to-population ratio in the Philippines is 26 judges per million.¹ With an estimated population of 112 million in 2025,² the country should have at least 5,500 judges to reach the ratio of 50 judges per million.³ While the Supreme Court has introduced several reforms to address the protracted issues of high volume of pending cases and ubiquitous delays, the people are still deprived of their constitutional right to a speedy disposition of cases.

As such, this measure shall contribute to the people's access to swift and fair justice. In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.



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¹ Makati Business Club Forum. Information retrieved from <https://mbc.com.ph/wp-content/uploads/MBC-Forum-Antonio-Carpio.pdf>. Dated 18 October 2019

² Philippine Statistics Authority. 2024 Census of Population (POPCEN) Population Counted Declared Official by the President. Data retrieved from <https://psa.gov.ph/content/2024-census-population-popcen-population-counts-declared-official-president>. Dated 17 July 2025

³ Ibid.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress 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 Kawit, Province of Cavite.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch number for the newly created branch of the Regional Trial Court.

SEC. 2. – The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall immediately include in the Court’s program the operationalization of the additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of Kawit, Province of Cavite.

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 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 or the Act reorganizing and strengthening the Public Attorney’s Office (PAO), resulting from the creation of this court, 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.

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

Approved,