

Republic of the Philippines
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4880



Introduced by Representative Kenneth T. Gatchalian

EXPLANATORY NOTE

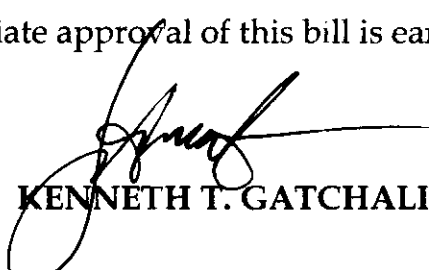
Over the past years, the City of Valenzuela has experienced rapid population growth, now with an estimated 700,000 residents. This has led to a corresponding increase in the demand for judicial services.

Currently, the City is served by a limited number of Regional Trial Court (RTC) branches, including designated family courts. These courts have become increasingly overwhelmed with their caseloads, particularly those involving family-related matters such as custody, domestic abuse, and child welfare, among others.

This bill seeks to address this disproportion through the establishment of additional RTC branches in Valenzuela City, to ensure timely delivery of justice, especially for the protection of the welfare of children and families.

A similar measure has been previously filed by Representative Rex Gatchalian as House Bill No. 5649 in the 19th Congress, substituted by House Bill No. 11352, which was approved on Third Reading by the House of Representatives and subsequently transmitted to the Senate.

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


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AN ACT
CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL
TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE
STATIONED IN THE CITY OF VALENZUELA, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (D) 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:*

1 **SECTION 1.** Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in
2 the National Capital Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the City of
3 Valenzuela.

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

6 **SEC. 2.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the
7 Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's
8 program the operationalization of the additional branches of the Regional Trial
9 Court in the City of Valenzuela.

10 **SEC. 3.** The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act, including
11 appropriations for personal services such as salaries, benefits and emoluments for

1 judges and court personnel, court operations under maintenance and other
2 operating expenses, and provisions for Halls of Justice or courtrooms to
3 accommodate judges and court staff, shall be included in the annual General
4 Appropriations Act.

5 **SEC. 4.** Section 14 (d) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as
6 “The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980”, as amended, ang all other laws, rules,
7 and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed
8 or modified accordingly.

9 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the
10 Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,