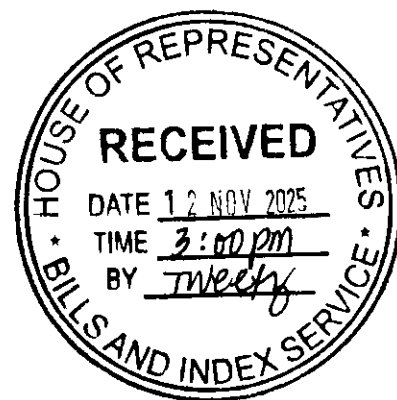




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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **5921**



Introduced by Representative Crispin Diego “Ping” D. Remulla

AN ACT
CREATING SEVEN (7) NEW COURTS, NAMELY: SIX (6) REGIONAL TRIAL
COURTS AND ONE (1) FAMILY COURT IN THE CITY OF TRECE MARTIRES,
PROVINCE OF CAVITE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Before 2019, the Regional Trial Court Branch 23 was the oldest and lone RTC in Trece Martires City, with 6,530 pending cases. Due to the growing caseload, two (2) additional RTC branches were created and made operational in 2019, while Family Court Branch 5 was organized earlier in March 2018.

As of July 31, 2025, more than 10,000 cases were raffled and unloaded to the three RTCs, while 3,472 cases were raffled and unloaded to Family Court Branch 5. In contrast, the cities of Bacoor and Imus, both within the same province, have 12 RTC branches each, maintaining manageable dockets of about 200-500 cases per court.

The RTCs serve the cities of General Trias, Trece Martires, and the Municipality of Tanza. The population of these locations has grown rapidly, from more than 500,000 in 2010 to over a million in 2024.

Moreover, the current setup for the Family Court fails to comply with Republic Act 8369, or the Family Courts Act, which states that each city and province shall have at least one

designated Family Court. The issue comes with the Family Court Branch 5, which serves two cities and one municipality.

The establishment of six additional RTCs and one additional Family Court in Trece Martires City is urgent and necessary to aid in docket decongestion, ensure speedy disposition of cases, and uphold the constitutional right of the Caviteños affected.

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



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

1 **SECTION 1.** Six (6) branches of Regional Trial Courts and one (1) branch of Family
2 Court with seats in the City of Trece Martires, Province of Cavite, are hereby created.

3 The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created
4 branches of the Regional Trial Courts and Family Court.

5 **SEC. 2.** The jurisdiction over cases cognizable by the Regional Trial Court under
6 existing law, emanating from the City of Trece Martires in the Province of Cavite, shall be
7 lodged in the Regional Trial Court branches and Family Court branch created under this Act.

8 **SEC. 3.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of
9 the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the program of the Supreme Court the
10 operationalization of the seven (7) courts in the City of Trece Martires, Cavite. The amount
11 necessary for the creation and continuous funding, therefore, shall likewise be included in the
12 annual General Appropriations Act. The funds necessary shall be appropriated and released
13 only upon the actual organization of the court and appointment of its personnel.

14 **SEC. 4.** Section 14(e) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary
15 Reorganization Act of 1980," as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which are
16 inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,