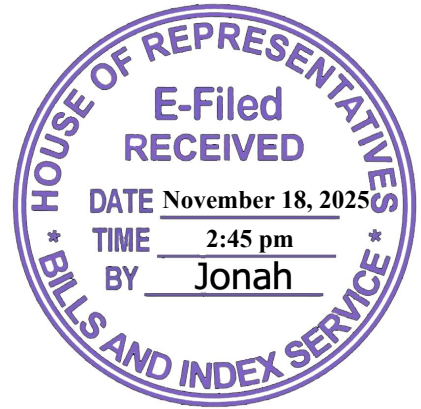


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Introduced by
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The steady growth of the Province of Batangas—particularly the municipalities of San Pascual, Lobo, and Tingloy—has resulted in a heavier caseload for existing courts in the Fourth Judicial Region. Congestion in trial courts delays the administration of justice, burdens litigants, and undermines efficient judicial processes.

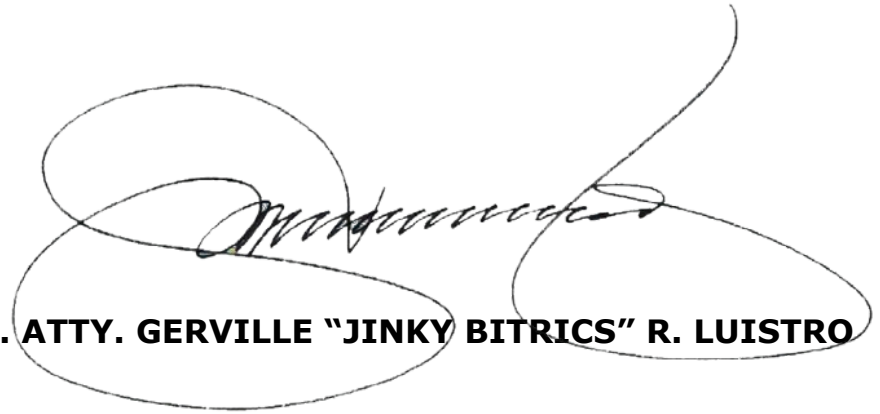
This bill seeks to address these challenges by creating:

1. One (1) additional Regional Trial Court (RTC) branch in San Pascual, and
2. Two (2) additional Municipal Trial Court (MTC) branches in Lobo and Tingloy.

The establishment of these new branches will expand judicial capacity, ensure faster case disposition, improve access to justice for residents of these municipalities, and support the continuing development of Batangas as a major economic and population center in CALABARZON.

The necessary funds for personnel, operations, and facilities shall be provided in the annual General Appropriations Act.

In view of the urgent need to decongest dockets and strengthen the delivery of justice in Batangas, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN PASCUAL, AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LOBO AND TINGLOY, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14(E) AND 30 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:

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 San Pascual, Province of Batangas.

Two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in the Fourth Judicial Region are likewise hereby created, to be stationed in the Municipalities of Lobo and Tingloy, Province of Batangas.

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

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 additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of San Pascual and two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in the Municipalities of Lobo and Tingloy, all in the Province of Batangas.

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, and provisions for Halls of Justice or courtrooms to accommodate judges and court staff, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. Sections 14 (e) and 30 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. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,