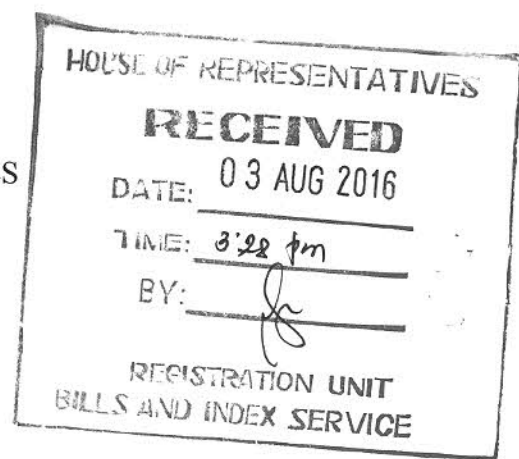


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**Explanatory Note**

This bill seeks to provide for the creation of Regional Trial Court branches in the Municipalities of Sto. Tomas and Agoncillo, Batangas.

It is said that "Justice delayed is justice denied". The 1987 Philippine Constitution states that "all persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial or administrative bodies." Due to the voluminous number of cases being filed, justice is dispensed at a very slow rate. There is an undue delay in the disposition of cases.

The legislation of additional regional trial courts in Batangas intends to remedy the overflowing case dockets in the courts.

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 PROVINCE OF BATANGAS TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF STO. TOMAS AND AGONCILLO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Province of Batangas to be stationed in the municipalities of Sto. Tomas and Agoncillo are hereby created in the Fourth Judicial Region.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly-created Regional Trial Court branches in the Fourth Judicial Region.

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 one (1) additional Regional Trial Court branch to be stationed in the Municipality of Sto. Tomas and one (1) additional Regional Trial Court branch to be stationed in the Municipality of Agoncillo, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Section 14(e) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Regorganization 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. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,