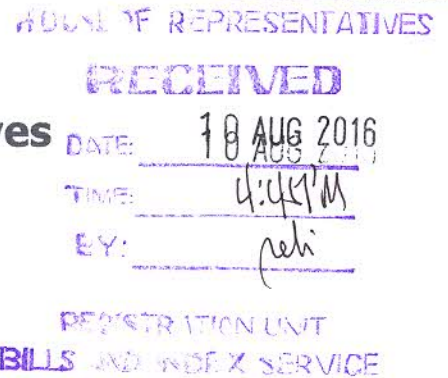


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HOUSE BILL NO. **2830**



Introduced by REP. RANEO E. ABU

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed bill seeks to create sixteen additional branches of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed in the courts in FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION-Province of Batangas to be distributed as follows:

Tanauan City	two (2)
Lipa City	two (2)
Municipality of Rosario	four (4)
Batangas City	one (1)
Municipality of Taal	one (1)
Municipality of Lemery	one (1)
Municipality of Balayan	one (1)
Municipality of Nasugbu	three (3)

Due to the increase of population in the Province of Batangas coupled with the drastic increase in the volume of cases filed, the present courts dockets have been clogged and this has resulted in the unreasonable delay in the resolution of cases to the prejudice of litigants.

Based on the data given by the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, Batangas Chapter, the present Regional Trial Courts in RTC FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION –RTC BATANGAS (BATANGAS PROVINCE) has an average of 400 to 1000 number of cases per court. Some courts have more than 2000 pending case

Thus, there is a compelling need to create new Regional Trial Courts.

Approval of this bill is earnestly requested pursuant to Section 16, Article III of our Constitution which gives all persons the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies.

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AN ACT

CREATING SIXTEEN (16) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS IN THE WHOLE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 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. Sixteen (16) additional Regional Trial Courts in the FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION-RTC BATANGAS (BATANGAS PROVINCE), to be distributed as follows:

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SECTION 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for newly created branches.

SECTION 3. 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 implementation of this Act. The funding therefore shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. Effectivity. –This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.