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Introduced by Representative **MARLYN L. PRIMICIAS-AGABAS**

AN ACT
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN
THE FIRST JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF
ASINGAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (A) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980",
AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposal has been filed in the 16th Congress and was duly deliberated at the committee level and finally approved on Third and Final Reading by the House of Representatives. However, due to lack of material time, the Senate failed to pass on the proposal. Thus, the author deems it proper to refile the bill at the earliest possible time in the 17th Congress.

The 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines provides in Article III, Section 16 thereof that "All persons shall have the right to speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies." A Filipino's right to trial does not only secure equal protections of the laws but also mandates a speedy public trial.

Proceeding from the provisions of the Constitution, it is necessary to establish additional trial courts to regions with insufficient number of existing courts. The proponent, who grew up in the locality, believes that the Municipality of Asingan should have its own branch of a Regional Trial Court to serve the growing population of the area as well as those from the nearby Municipality of San Manuel.

The creation of the Regional Trial Court is of utmost importance to the people of Pangasinan as it will serve public interest of providing speedy disposition of cases while promoting the proper administration of justice.

With the foregoing, immediate passage of the bill is earnestly sought.



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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in*
2 *Congress assembled:*
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5 **SECTION 1.** There is hereby created an additional branch of the Regional Trial
6 Court in the First Judicial Region to be stationed in the Municipality of Asingan,
7 Province of Pangasinan.

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9 The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the newly created
10 branch of the Regional Trial Court in the First Judicial Region.

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12 **SEC. 2.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary
13 of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the
14 operationalization of the Regional Trial Court branch to be stationed in the
15 Municipality of Asingan, Province of Pangasinan, the funding of which shall be
16 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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18 **SEC. 3.** Section 14(a) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The
19 Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and

1 regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or
2 modified accordingly.

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4 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in
5 the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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7 Approved,

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