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HOUSE BILL No. 5532

Introduced by REP. RUTH MARIANO-HERNANDEZ

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed at the Municipality of Los Baños, Laguna in light of the increasing number of cases being filed in the province.

The addition of an RTC branch at Los Baños will help in de-clogging the dockets of the existing courts and help improve the general conditions of the justice system in the area and the province in general. This measure shall also help business entities, civil society groups and people from all walks of life gain more convenient and less expensive access to the court and its services.

The increasing economic and business activities in the Second Legislative District that is composed of the municipalities of Los Baños and Bay and the City of Cabuyao only reaffirm the necessity to create an additional RTC branch.

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

Approved,

REP. RUTH MARIANO-HERNANDEZ
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AN ACT  
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
IN THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS  
BAÑOS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (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. There is hereby created an additional Regional Trial Court branch in the  
Fourth Judicial Region, with seat at the Municipality of Los Baños, Province of Laguna.  

The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the newly-created branch of the  
Regional Trial Court in the Fourth Judicial Region.  

SECTION 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 an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed at  
the Municipality of Los Baños, Province of Laguna, the funding of which shall be  
included in the annual General Appropriations Act.  

SECTION 3. Section 14 (e) 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.  

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

Approved,