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HOUSE BILL No. 6771



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MARICEL NATIVIDAD-NAGAÑO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 16, Article III of the 1987 Philippine Constitution guarantees the right of all persons to speedy disposition of cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies, hence this bill seeks to create an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Third Judicial Region to be located in the Municipality of San Leonardo, in the 4th Legislative District of the Province of Nueva Ecija.

The Municipality of San Leonardo is located between the Cities of Gapan and Cabanatuan wherein four (4) and nine (9) regional trial courts respectively are located, however it is undeniably true as far as the court records in both cities will show, that the congestion of court dockets works against the efficient delivery of justice, thus contributing to the tragedy that is best described under the maxim, "Justice delayed is justice denied".

The administration of justice though under the mandate of the courts requires all the support it can get from all sectors of society thus this representation's view that the creation of the very first regional trial court in the Municipality of San Leonardo is the correct step forward.

For this purpose, the proposed measure seeks to further amend Batas Pambansa Blg. 129 otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT THIRD JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, MUNICIPALITY OF SAN LEONARDO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14 (c) 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 Third Judicial Region is hereby created and stationed in the Municipality of San Leonardo, Province of Nueva Ecija.

The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number for the newly created branch of the Regional 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 Leonardo, Province of Nueva Ecija. The funds necessary for the operation of the court herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the court and the appointment of its personnel.

SEC. 3. Section 14 (c) 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. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.