



Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City



**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
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**House Bill No. 4343**

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Introduced by **HON. JOSEFINA B. TALLADO**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to create additional branches of Regional Trial Court in the Province of Camarines Norte to be stationed in the in the municipality of Labo, Camarines Norte.

The province of Camarines Norte has 12 municipalities with a total population of 583,313 based on population data for 2015 conducted by the Philippine Statistics Authority.

Presently, there are only five (5) RTC Branches in the province with a total of 2,683 pending civil and criminal cases as of 2016 alone.

RTC Branch 38, 39, 40 and 41 are all stationed in Daet, Camarines Norte which are all in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District of Camarines Norte. On the other hand RTC Branch 64 is stationed in Labo, Camarines Norte, which is part of the 1<sup>st</sup> District of Camarines Norte.

Large number of cases are added every year which makes it imperative to add a Regional Trial Court in the province. More importantly, it is significant to note that there is only one (1) Regional Trial Court in the 1<sup>st</sup> District which consists of five municipalities, namely Capalonga, Jose Panganiban, Labo, Paracale and Sta. Elena with a total population of 292,871 as of 2015 census..

The travelling distance from Sta. Elena, Capalonga, Jose Panganiban and Paracale to Labo is almost two (2) hours. Another two (2) hours will be added if cases are heard in Daet.

This proposed bill is filed to address this particular concern of making the court more accessible and allow for a speedy disposition of justice.

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

  
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**AN ACT CREATING ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LABO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (F) 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 the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1           **SECTION 1.** Two (2) additional Regional Trial Court branches are hereby created in the Province  
2 of Camarines Norte to be stationed in the Municipality of Labo.

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4           **SECTION 2.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the  
5 Department of Justice, will include in the Court's agenda the operation of the additional Regional Trial  
6 Court branches in the Municipality of Labo, Province of Camarines Norte, the funding of which shall be  
7 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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9           **SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette  
10 or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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12           **Approved,**