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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The primary duty of our courts is the fair and speedy disposition of cases. However, indiscriminate filing and constant delay in the processing of cases filed have resulted to heavy and unjustifiably congested courts. The legal principle that “justice delayed is justice denied” therefore slowly loses its significance. This problem seriously disables and affects all facets of the judicial process.

Over the years, the cases pending in the lower level courts increased at an alarming rate and the backlog continues to grow, depriving the courts of the essential element of time. There are too many cases being tried by inadequate number of courts and judges making the quality of justice adversely affected and making people wary, if not distrustful, of the judicial system as an effective means of attaining justice and redressing offenses and misconducts.

Furthermore, the distance and travel time of litigants who come from far-reaching areas also impedes the speedy disposition of cases in the Philippines. Because of this, the parties find it difficult to attend hearings which results to postponements.

This bill seeks to create two (2) additional Municipal Trial Courts (MTC) in Kawit, Cavite that will address the delay in resolution of cases and immensely help in unclogging the courts in the First District. This is also in consonance with the State’s mandate of providing an effective mechanism for the efficient administration of justice.

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


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AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS (MTC) IN KAWIT, CAVITE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980”, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court branches in Kawit, Cavite, are hereby created in the Fourth Judicial Region.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches of the Municipal Trial Court.

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 the additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court to be stationed in Kawit, Cavite, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. Section 14 (j) and Section 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as the “The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980”, as amended and all other laws, rules and regulations that are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved.