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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. **2746**



Introduced by Rep. LEN B. ALONTE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 16, Article III of the 1987 Constitution mandates that every person must be afforded the right to a speedy trial, providing, thus: *"All persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies."*

More than thirty (30) years have passed since the enactment of the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, otherwise known as Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, which allotted the corresponding number of courts per Judicial Region based on the exigencies then existing.

With the recent separation of the City of Biñan from the First Legislative District of the Province of Laguna to constitute the Lone District of the City of Biñan, Laguna pursuant to Republic Act No. 10658, approved on March 27, 2015, and the increase in its population with the corresponding rise in the volume of civil and criminal cases filed thereat, the docket of the lone sala of the Municipal Trial Court in the City of Biñan, Laguna has been congested and clogged resulting in the delay in the disposition of cases therein pending.

To ensure that the people, in general, and constituents of the Lone District of the City of Biñan, Laguna, in particular, are afforded their right to speedy trial, and in order to improve the disposition and administration of justice in the said Lone District, additional two (2) branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the Fourth Judicial Region to be stationed in Biñan City, Laguna essentially must be created.

In view thereof, the approval of this bill is sincerely recommended.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Len B. Alonte-Naguiat".

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AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE CITY TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF BINAN, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 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. Two (2) additional City Trial Court branches for Binan City, Laguna, with seats thereat, are hereby created in the Fourth Judicial Region.

Section 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches.

Section 3. 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 implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The funds necessary for the operation of the court(s) herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the court(s) and the appointment of its personnel.

Section 4. Section 14 (h) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, as amended, as well as other provisions that may be inconsistent herewith, is hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further amended.

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

Approved,