Republic of the Philippines **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**Quezon City, Metro Manila

# EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS

First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 3013



## INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHN REYNALD M. TIANGCO

### AN ACT CREATING

ADDITIONAL THREE (3) BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND TWO (2) BRANCHES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT NAVOTAS CITY, METRO MANILA AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH D OF BP 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to establish additional three (3) branches of the Regional Trial Court and Two (2) Metropolitan Trial Court in the City of Navotas hereby amending for the purpose Batas Pambansa Blg. 129 otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, as amended.

Currently, the City of Navotas only has three (3) RTC branches and two (2) MeTC branches. Taking into consideration the implementation of continuous trial, the administration of justice and the constitutionally guaranteed right to speedy disposition of cases before all judicial bodies will be better served if the number of courts sitting in Navotas City will be augmented.

Thus, the necessity to create additional number of courts in Navotas is indispensable measure to unclog the clogged dockets of court for speedy and efficient administration of justice.

The passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

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

- Section 1. Three (3) additional branches of Regional Trial Court and two (2) additional branches of Metropolitan Trial Court are hereby created in the National Capital Judicial Region, to be seated at Navotas City, Metro Manila.
- Section 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice shall immediately include in the Courts program the operationalization of three (3) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and two (2) additional branches of the Metropolitan Trial Court to be stationed in Navotas City, Metro Manila, the funding of which shall be included in Annual General Appropriations Act.
- Section 3. Sections 14, paragraph (d) and Section 27 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as the "Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980" as amended, are hereby amended accordingly.
- *Section 4.* The Supreme Court shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act and if warranted, the realignment of the seats of existing branches and their territorial jurisdictions.
- Section 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,