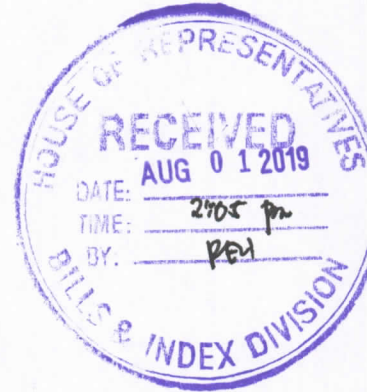


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House Bill No. 3318

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**Introduced by Honorable Dahlia A. Loyola**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to create an additional Regional Trial Court branch to take cognizance of cases emanating from the Municipality of Silang ("Silang") in the Province of Cavite to be stationed in Silang, Cavite.

Sections 11 and 16, Article III of the 1987 Constitution provide that, "*free access to the courts and quasi-judicial bodies and adequate legal assistance shall not be denied to any person by reason of poverty*" and "*all persons shall have the right to speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial or administrative bodies*".

However, the above provisions are often times rendered nugatory. At present, the Regional Trial Court Branch 18 of Tagaytay City ("RTC-Tagaytay") has jurisdiction over cases emanating from Silang. But, most of the litigants and residents of the said municipality do not bother to seek justice from the court due to their lack of finances, as well as, the necessity to travel to Tagaytay City to gain access to our courts of law. In effect, they are denied access to the courts by reason of their poverty.

In addition, due to the increase of population in the Province of Cavite, coupled with the drastic increase in the volume of cases filed in RTC Tagaytay, a lone sala, the present court dockets have been clogged and this has resulted

in the arbitrary and unreasonable delay in the resolution of the cases to the prejudice of the litigants. This defeats the constitutional rights of the poor litigants of Silang, Cavite to speedy disposition of their cases.

Hence, there is a need to create an additional Regional Trial Court branch to take cognizance of cases originating from the Municipality of Silang, Province of Cavite to be stationed in Silang, Cavite in order to have an efficient and effective administration of justice for the poor constituents thereof.

It is for this purpose and the advancement of the common good that early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**CREATING AN ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT**  
**BRANCH IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE TO BE STATIONED**  
**AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF SILANG, AMENDING FOR THE**  
**PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (E) OF BATAS**  
**PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "THE**  
**JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980" AS AMENDED,**  
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER**  
**PURPOSES**

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

1       **SECTION 1.** There is hereby created an additional Regional Trial Court  
2 branch in the Fourth Judicial Region to be stationed at the Municipality of Silang,  
3 Province of Cavite.

4       The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the newly-created  
5 Regional Trial Court branch in the Fourth Judicial Region.  
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7       **SEC. 2.** The jurisdiction over cases cognizable by the Regional Trial Court  
8 under existing law, emanating from the municipality of Silang in the Province of  
9 Cavite, shall be lodged in the Regional Trial Court branch created under this Act.  
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11       **SEC. 3.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the  
12 Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's  
13 program the operationalization of an additional Regional Trial Court branch to be



stationed at the Municipality of Silang, Province of Cavite, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

**SEC. 4.** The Supreme Court shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act and, if warranted, the realignment of seats of existing branches and their territorial jurisdiction.

**SEC. 5.** Section 14(e) 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. 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

*Approved,*