

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. **6061**



Introduced by **HONORABLE STRIKE B. REVILLA**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks for the creation of four (4) additional Regional Trial Courts in the Fourth Judicial Region, two (2) of which shall be established as Family Courts, one (1) as a Commercial Court and one (1) as a Cybercrime Court to be stationed at the 2nd Legislative District of Cavite, City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite, amending for the purpose Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as the “The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980” and appropriating funds therefor.

Currently, the City of Bacoor has a total population of 600,609 (2015 PSA Census) with a population growth rate of 3% per year, making it the second most populous city in the Province of Cavite.

The number of courts in a locality must follow a proper judge to population ratio to comply with the constitutionally prescribed timeline of not more than three (3) months for all other lower courts to ideally decide cases, counted from the date of submission for resolution of the case.

This bill is also one with the vision of the Judiciary to eliminate the number one problem of the judiciary which is clogged dockets, resulting to delays in trial, and delays in deciding cases. Clogged dockets which impair social justice, hinder economic development, and erode public confidence in the justice system and ultimately in the entire government.

I therefore urge you, my fellow colleagues for the immediate passage of this bill.


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

Section 1. Four (4) additional branches of Regional Trial Courts in the Fourth Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite, two (2) of which shall be established as a Family Court, one (1) as a Commercial Court and one (1) as a Cybercrime Court.

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

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 four (4) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 3. Section 14 (e) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as the "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.

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,