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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6173

BY REPRESENTATIVES NOEL, DEFENSOR (M.) AND CUA (J.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1919

AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT NAVOTAS CITY, METRO MANILA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (D) AND SECTION 27 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 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. Section 14, paragraph (d) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

 "(d) Two hundred seventy-[six] NINE Regional Trial
- Judges shall be commissioned for the National Capital Judicial
 Region. There shall be:
- 6 Region. There shall be:

1	"One hundred [two] FIVE branches for the							
2	[Municipalities] CITIES of Navotas, Malabon, San Juan,							
3	Mandaluyong, Makati, Pasig, [Pateros,] Taguig, Marikina,							
4	Parañaque, Las Piñas, [and] Muntinlupa, AND THE							
5	MUNICIPALITY OF PATEROS; with fifty-eight seated in Makati,							
6	thirty-four seated in Pasig, two seated in Marikina, five in							
7	Malabon, one in Parañaque, one in Las Piñas, [and] one in							
8	Muntinlupa[;], AND THREE IN NAVOTAS; and							
9	"x x x."							
10	SEC. 2. Section 27 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as							
11	The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, is hereby further							
12	amended to read as follows:							
13	"SEC. 27. Metropolitan Trial Courts of the National							
14	Capital Region There shall be a Metropolitan Trial Court in							
15	the National Capital Region, to be known as the Metropolitan							
16	Trial Court of Metro Manila, which shall be composed of							
17	[ninety-five (95)] NINETY-SEVEN (97) branches. There shall be:							
18	"x x x							
19	"[One branch (Branch LIV)] THREE BRANCHES for							
20	Navotas CITY with seats thereat;							
21	"x x x."							
22	SEC. 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with							
23	the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the							
24	Court's program the operationalization of three (3) additional branches of the							
25	Regional Trial Court and two (2) additional branches of the Metropolitan Trial							

SEC. 4.	The	Supreme	Court	shall	issue	the	necessary	rules	and
regulations for	the e	effective in	nplemer	ntation	of this	Act	and if war	ranted	, the
realignment of	the se	eats of exist	ting bra	nches :	and the	ir ter	ritorial juri:	sdiction	as.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a national newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,