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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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BY REPRESENTATIVES CHIPECO, REYES (V.), JOAQUIN, ROSALES,  
DATUMANONG AND SALCEDA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2066

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AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (E) OF 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:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 14, paragraph (e), of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129,  
2 otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, as amended by  
3 Republic Act No. 7154, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

4                   “SEC. 14. *Regional Trial Courts.* –

5                   “x x x

1           “(e) [Ninety-seven] **NINETY-EIGHT** Regional Trial Judges  
2           shall be commissioned for the Fourth Judicial Region. There  
3           shall be:

4                     “x x x

5                     “[Seventeen] **EIGHTEEN** branches with seats thereat for  
6           the Province of Laguna and the City of San Pablo, with seats at  
7           Bifan, San Pedro, Sta. Cruz, San Pablo City, Siniloan, [and]  
8           Calamba **AND LOS BAÑOS**;

9                     “x x x.”

10           SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with  
11           the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the  
12           Court’s program the operationalization of an additional branch of the Regional  
13           Trial Court for the Province of Laguna to be stationed at the Municipality of  
14           Los Baños, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General  
15           Appropriations Act.

16           SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,