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Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

**AN ACT
CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY
OF BACOR, PROVINCE OF CAVITE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (E) OF BATAS
PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY
REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks for the creation of additional four (4) Regional Trial Courts in the Fourth Judicial Region 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, As Amended."

Currently, the City of Bacoor has a total population of 664,625 (2020 PSA Census) with an annual growth rate of 3%, making it one of the populous cities 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 aligned with the vision of the Judiciary to eliminate the number one problem of the judiciary which is clogged dockets resulting in delays in trial and case resolution. A slow court case disposition impairs social justice, hinders economic development and erodes public confidence in the justice system and in the government as a whole.

In order to cater to the legal needs of the people and ensure their right to speedy trial and disposition of cases, the judge-population ratio must be ever-responsive to the changing times.

This measure has been passed on Third Reading in the House of Representatives in the 18th Congress.

The passage of this measure is respectfully requested.


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

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5 *Section 1.* Four (4) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Fourth Judicial
6 Region are hereby created and stationed in the City of Bacoor, Province of Cavite. The
7 Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created
8 branches of the Regional Trial Court.

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10 *Sec. 2.* The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of
11 the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the
12 operationalization of the additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the City of
13 Bacoor, Province of Cavite. The funds necessary for the operation of the courts herein
14 created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the
15 courts and the appointment of its personnel.

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1 *Sec. 3.* Section 14 (e) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as “The Judiciary
2 Reorganization Act of 1980”, as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations
3 which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified
4 accordingly.

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6 *Sec. 4.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
7 Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,