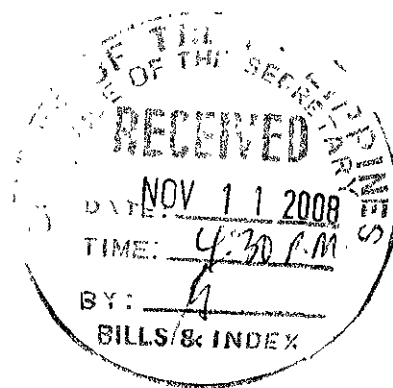


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 16, Article III of our Constitution gives each person the right to a speedy trial, it provides that: "All persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies."

The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980 (BP 129) allotted the corresponding number of courts per judicial region based on the exigencies existing at that time.

Twenty seven years have passed since the effectivity of BP 129. .

Because of the increase in our population and the increase in the volume of cases filed, our court dockets have been clogged and this has resulted in the delay in the resolution of cases.

In order to improve the disposition and administration of justice and to ensure the right to a speedy trial, the number of courts must necessarily be increased.

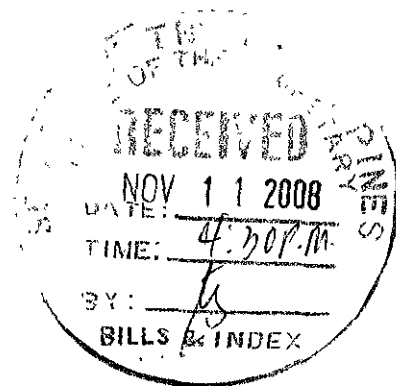
In view of the foregoing provisions, the approval of this bill is earnestly recommended.

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FRANCIS G. ESCUDERO

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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980

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

SECTION 1. Section 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 29. Municipal Trial Courts in Cities. – In every city that does not form part of a metropolitan are, there shall be a municipal trial court with one branch, except as hereunder provided:

“x x x x x

Two branches for Batangas City;

“~~One~~ **THREE BRANCHES FOR TANAUAN CITY**

Two branches for Lipa City.”

SECTION 2. The Supreme Court shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice shall immediately include in its program the operationalization of the additional municipal trial courts in Tanauan City, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Approved,