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HOUSE BILL NO. **3608**



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Introduced by: **HON. ARLENE B. ARCILLAS**  
**1<sup>st</sup> District, Laguna**

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to create additional branches in the Regional Trial Court (RTC) and Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC) in the City of Santa Rosa, Province of Laguna.

More than thirty years have passed since the enactment of the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, which allotted the corresponding number of courts per Judicial Region based on the exigencies then existing.

With the recent economic development in the City of Santa Rosa, and the increase in its population coupled with the corresponding rise in the volume of civil and criminal cases filed thereat, the docket of the two branches of the RTC in the City of Binan, which are handling the cases of the City of Santa Rosa, had exponentially congested and clogged resulting in the delay in the disposition of cases therein pending.

In this light and with the goal of speedy delivery of justice, we propose the creation of two (2) additional RTC branches and two (2) additional MTCC branches in the City of Santa Rosa, Province of Laguna. Approval of the proposed bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129 OR THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED**

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

**SECTION 1.** There shall be established two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the City of Santa Rosa, Province of Laguna.

**SEC. 2.** The Supreme Court shall constitute the two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the City of Santa Rosa, Province of Laguna and assign the corresponding branch numbers in accordance with this Act, and in relation to Batas Pambansa. Blg. 129, as amended.

**SEC. 3.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act for the constitution and continuous operation of the two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the City of Santa Rosa, Province of Laguna shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act starting the year following its enactment into law.

**SEC. 4. *Repealing Clause.*** – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

**SEC. 5. *Effectivity Clause.*** – This act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,