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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Philippines

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HOUSE BILL NO. **6470**



INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ALFRED VARGAS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 16 of the Constitution's Bill of Rights provides that:

"All persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies."

Quezon City is one of the largest metropolitan areas in the Philippines with one of the largest number of court cases filed each year. The Quezon City Hall of Justice alone is comprised of 58 courts, making the station the second largest in the country. In 2012 alone, Quezon City registered more than 32,000 pending court cases, and formed 32% of the total caseload in the National Capital Region.

This bill seeks to establish an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court and an additional branch of the Metropolitan Trial Court in the National Capital Judicial Region to be stationed in Novaliches, Quezon City. This will not only uphold the constitutional right of every person for speedy disposition of cases but will also assure that the courts of justice are accessible to the people of Novaliches and other nearby areas in the City.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN NOVALICHES, QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (D) 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 the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. An additional branch of the Regional Trial Court and an additional branch of the Metropolitan Trial Court to be stationed in Novaliches, Quezon City, Metro Manila is hereby created in the National Capital Region.

SECTION 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers of the newly created Regional Trial Court and Metropolitan Trial Court in the National Capital Judicial Region.

SECTION 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the operationalization of the additional Regional Trial Court and Metropolitan Trial Court branches to be stationed in Novaliches, Quezon City, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. Section 14(d) and Section 27 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980," as amended, and all other laws, executive orders, and rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,