

[**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9376, March 06, 2007**]

AN ACT CREATING FIVE ADDITIONAL METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT BRANCHES FOR THE CITY OF PARAÑAQUE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 27 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 House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 27 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 27. Metropolitan Trial Courts of the National Capital Region. — There shall be a Metropolitan Trial Court in the National Capital Region, to be known as the Metropolitan Trial Court of Metro Manila, which shall be composed of eighty-seven (87) branches. There shall be:

"x x x

"Seven branches for Parañaque with seats thereat;

"x x x."

SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the court's program the operationalization of additional metropolitan trial court branches in the City of Parañaque, Metro Manila, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,

(Sgd.) JOSE DE VENECIA JR.
Speaker of the House of Representatives

(Sgd.) MANNY VILLAR
President of the Senate

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on April 5, 2006 and December 18, 2006, respectively.

(Sgd.) ROBERTO P. NAZARENO
*Secretary General
House of Representatives*

(Sgd.) OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate