HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 198

By Representatives Cari, Umali, Nograles (K.A.), Veloso, De Vera, Ferrer (J.), Suansing (H.), Romualdo, Bravo (A.), Lopez (M.L.), Abayon, Revilla, Rocamora, Belmonte (J.C.), Sandoval, Gonzales (A.D.), Garbin, Dimaporo (M.K.), Salceda, Lobregat, Abaya, Amatong, Arcillas, Bernos, Bataoil, Caminero, Chavez, Chipeco, Defensor, Dy, Escudero, Go (M.), Gonzales (A.P.), Paduano, Ramos, Roque (H.), Roque (R.), Sacdalan, Sarmiento (E.M.), Savellano, Suansing (E.), Tan (A.), Tupas, Yu, Sy-Alvarado and Nava

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AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF BAYBAY, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14. PARAGRAPH (I) 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. An additional Regional Trial Court branch to be stationed in the City of Baybay, Province of Leyte is hereby created in the Eighth Judicial Region.

The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the newly-created Regional Trial Court branch in the Eighth Judicial Region.

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 the additional Regional Trial Court branch to be stationed in the City of Baybay, Province of Leyte, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Section 14(i) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved.

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