



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 652

BY REPRESENTATIVES OAMINAL, UMALI, NOGRALES (K.A.), VELOSO  
AND MACEDA

AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN OZAMIZ CITY, CONVERTING THE MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT COVERING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CLARIN AND TUDELA INTO THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT OF CLARIN, AND CREATING A NEW MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT COVERING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SINACABAN AND TUDELA, ALL IN THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE 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. There shall be created an additional Regional Trial Court (RTC) branch in Ozamiz City, and a Municipal Circuit Trial Court (MCTC) comprising the municipalities of Sinacaban and Tudela, all in the Second Legislative District of the Province of Misamis Occidental.

The existing Municipal Circuit Trial Court (MCTC) comprising the municipalities of Clarin and Tudela, both in the

Second Legislative District of the Province of Misamis Occidental, shall be converted into the Municipal Trial Court (MTC) of Clarin.

The existing Fourth Municipal Circuit Trial Court (MCTC) comprising the municipalities of Jimenez and Sinacaban shall be reorganized, where the Municipality of Sinacaban shall no longer be circuitized with the Municipality of Jimenez, located in the First Legislative District of the Province of Misamis Occidental. The Municipality of Sinacaban together with the Municipality of Tudela shall now comprise the Fourth Municipal Circuit Trial Court, with seat at Sinacaban.

SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of Justice, shall immediately include in its program the operationalization of the additional Regional Trial Court, the Municipal Trial Court, and the Municipal Circuit Trial Court in the Second Legislative District of the Province of Misamis Occidental, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. All pending cases within the jurisdiction of the municipalities of Sinacaban and Tudela shall be transferred to the newly created Fourth Municipal Circuit Trial Court and, with respect to the Municipality of Jimenez, to the Third Municipal Circuit Trial Court, and shall be tried and decided therein.

SEC. 4. This Act amends Section 14(k) and Section 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, as amended. All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations, other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,