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AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ASINGAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (A) 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:

1 Section 1. There is hereby created an additional branch of the 2 Regional Trial Court in the First Judicial Region to be stationed in the 3 Municipality of Asingan, Province of Pangasinan.

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

6 SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with 7 the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the

1	Court's program the operationalization of the Regional Trial Court branch to
2	be stationed in the Municipality of Asingan, Province of Pangasinan, the
3	funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Section 14(a) 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1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.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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