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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5658

By Representatives Torres-Gomez, Veloso, Ungab, Nograles (J.F.F.), Garbin, Gonzaga, Calderon, Suarez (A.), Fortun, Brosas, Gonzales (A.), Marcoleta, Oaminal, Zarate, Dujali, Ferrer (L.), Taduran, Castro (F.L.), Jalosjos, Uy (J.), Zubiri, Ty (D.), Plaza, Sacdalan, Acosta, Barba, Gullas, Sanchez, Balindong, Ortega, Dagooc, Guya, Bordado, Quimbo, Amatong, Almario and Eriguel, per Committee Report No.102

AN ACT CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF ORMOC, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14(I) AND 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Four (4) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the Eighth Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the City of Ormoc, Province of Leyte.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches of the Regional Trial Court and Municipal Trial Court in Cities. 2

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 four (4) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the City of Ormoc, Province of Leyte, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Sections 14(i) and 29 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1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.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 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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