



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 1691

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARI, DEFENSOR (M.), CUA (J.), NOEL, GONZALES (N.),
DE GUZMAN, AGBAYANI, VELARDE AND ROMULO

AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
BRANCH IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE STATIONED AT
THE CITY OF BAYBAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (I) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION
ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9373,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 14, paragraph (i) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129,
2 otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended,
3 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

4 "SEC. 14. *Regional Trial Courts.* --

5 "x x x

6 "(i) [Forty-three] **FORTY-FOUR** Regional Trial Judges

7 shall be commissioned for the Eighth Judicial Region. There
8 shall be:

9 "x x x

1 “[Nineteen] TWENTY branches with seats thereat for the
2 Province of Leyte, the Province of Biliran, and the cities of
3 Ormoc and Tacloban, with seats at Tacloban City, Abuyog,
4 Calubian, Ormoc City, Carigara, Baybay, Burauen, Naval,
5 Palompon, Hilongos, and Caibiran;

6 “x x x.”

7 SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the additional branch of the
8 regional trial court in the City of Baybay, Province of Leyte, in accordance
9 with this Act.

10 SEC. 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with
11 the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the
12 Court’s program the operationalization of the additional Regional Trial Court
13 in the Province of Leyte, with station at the City of Baybay, the funding of
14 which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

15 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

 Approved,