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S.B. No. 3586

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Prepared jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance with Senators Escudero and Angara as authors thereof

AN ACT

CREATING FOUR ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT URDANETA CITY, PANGASINAN, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 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. Four (4) additional Regional Trial Court branches for the Province of Pangasinan, with seats at Urdaneta City, are hereby created in the First Judicial Region.

4 SECTION 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the 5 newly created branches. 6

SECTION 3. Accordingly, Section 14(a) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise 7 8 known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980," as amended, as well as other provisions 9 that may be inconsistent herewith, is hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further 10 amended.

SECTION 4. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary 12 13 of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include, as may be determined on a priority basis, in the Court's program the implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall 14 likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. 15

17 SECTION 5. Effectivity. - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation. 18

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