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## AN ACT

CREATING TWENTY-THREE ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT QUEZON CITY, 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.** Twenty-three (23) additional Regional Trial Court branches for Quezon City, with seats thereat, are hereby created in the National Capital Judicial Region.

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

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Act of 1980," as amended, as well as other provisions 9 that may be inconsistent herewith, is hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further 10 amended.

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

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.

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