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AN ACT

CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF PARAÑAQUE, METRO MANILA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 27 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:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Three (3) additional branches of the Metropolitan Trial Court in the
- 2 National Capital Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the City of
- 3 Parañaque, Metro Manila.

1 The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly
2 created branches of the Metropolitan Trial Court.

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4 **SEC. 2.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary
5 of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court’s program the
6 operationalization of the additional branches of the Metropolitan Trial Court in the City
7 of Parañaque, Metro Manila. THE SUPREME COURT SHALL ISSUE THE NECESSARY
8 RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT
9 AND, IF WARRANTED, THE REALIGNMENT OF SEATS OF EXISTING BRANCHES AND
10 THEIR TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.

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12 **SEC. 3.** The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act, including
13 appropriations for personnel services such as salaries, benefits and emoluments for
14 judges and court personnel, court operations under maintenance and other operating
15 expenses (MOOE), and provisions for Halls of Justice or courtrooms to accommodate
16 judges and court staff, AS WELL AS FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
17 OF AUTOMATICALLY-CREATED PROSECUTOR POSITIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 13
18 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10071 OR THE “PROSECUTION SERVICE ACT OF 2010” AND
19 APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ATTORNEYS PURSUANT TO SECTION 7 OF REPUBLIC ACT
20 NO. 9406 OR THE “ACT REORGANIZING AND STRENGTHENING THE PUBLIC
21 ATTORNEY’S OFFICE (PAO)”, RESULTING FROM THE CREATION OF THESE COURTS,
22 INCLUDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PERSONNEL SERVICES SUCH AS SALARIES,
23 BENEFITS, AND EMOLUMENTS FOR PROSECUTORS shall be included in the annual
24 General Appropriations Act.

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26 **SEC. 4.** Section 27 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as “The Judiciary
27 Reorganization Act of 1980”, as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations
28 which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified
29 accordingly.

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31 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
32 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,