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AN ACT

CREATING SIX (6) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DIPLAHAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (J) 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.** Six (6) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Ninth
2 Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the Municipality of Diplahan,
3 Province of Zamboanga Sibugay, to be designated as follows:

- 1 a) One (1) Family Court; and
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3 b) Five (5) regular Regional Trial Courts.
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5 The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly
6 created branches of the Regional Trial Court.
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8 **SEC. 2.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary
9 of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the
10 operationalization of the additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the
11 Municipality of Diplahan, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay. THE SUPREME COURT
12 SHALL ISSUE THE NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE EFFECTIVE
13 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT AND, IF WARRANTED, THE REALIGNMENT OF SEATS
14 OF EXISTING BRANCHES AND THEIR TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.
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16 **SEC. 3.** The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act, including
17 appropriations for personnel services such as salaries, benefits and emoluments for
18 judges and court personnel, court operations under maintenance and other operating
19 expenses (MOOE), and provisions for Halls of Justice or courtrooms to accommodate
20 judges and court staff, AS WELL AS FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
21 OF AUTOMATICALLY-CREATED PROSECUTOR POSITIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 13
22 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10071 OR THE "PROSECUTION SERVICE ACT OF 2010" AND
23 APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ATTORNEYS PURSUANT TO SECTION 7 OF REPUBLIC ACT
24 NO. 9406 OR THE "ACT REORGANIZING AND STRENGTHENING THE PUBLIC
25 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (PAO)", RESULTING FROM THE CREATION OF THESE COURTS,
26 INCLUDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PERSONNEL SERVICES SUCH AS SALARIES,
27 BENEFITS, AND EMOLUMENTS FOR PROSECUTORS, shall be included in the annual
28 General Appropriations Act.
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30 **SEC. 4.** Section 14 (j) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The
31 Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and
32 regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or
33 modified accordingly.
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35 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
36 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,