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**AN ACT**

**CREATING TWELVE (12) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS AND IN THE CITY OF CABUYAO, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, AND ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF CABUYAO, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (E) AND SECTION 29 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.** Twelve (12) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and one (1)  
2 additional branch of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the Fourth Judicial Region are hereby  
3 created and stationed in the Province of Laguna as follows:  
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5       a.) Three (3) branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of Los Baños;  
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7       b.) Nine (9) branches of the Regional Trial Court in the City of Cabuyao; and  
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9       c.) One (1) branch of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the City of Cabuyao.

1 The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created  
2 branches of the Regional Trial Court and the Municipal Trial Court in Cities.  
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4 **SEC. 2.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the  
5 Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court’s program the operationalization  
6 of the additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in  
7 the Municipality of Los Baños and City of Cabuyao, Province of Laguna. THE SUPREME COURT  
8 SHALL ISSUE THE NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE EFFECTIVE  
9 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT AND, IF WARRANTED, THE REALIGNMENT OF SEATS OF  
10 EXISTING BRANCHES AND THEIR TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.  
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12 **SEC. 3.** The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act, including appropriations for  
13 personnel services such as salaries, benefits and emoluments for judges and court personnel,  
14 court operations under maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE), and provisions for  
15 Halls of Justice or courtrooms to accommodate judges and court staff, AS WELL AS FUNDS  
16 NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AUTOMATICALLY-CREATED PROSECUTOR  
17 POSITIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10071 OR THE “PROSECUTION  
18 SERVICE ACT OF 2010” AND APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ATTORNEYS PURSUANT TO SECTION 7  
19 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9406 OR THE “ACT REORGANIZING AND STRENGTHENING THE PUBLIC  
20 ATTORNEY’S OFFICE (PAO)”, RESULTING FROM THE CREATION OF THESE COURTS,  
21 INCLUDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PERSONNEL SERVICES SUCH AS SALARIES, BENEFITS, AND  
22 EMOLUMENTS FOR PROSECUTORS, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.  
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24 **SEC. 4.** Section 14 (e) and Section 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as  
25 “The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980”, as amended, and all other laws, rules and  
26 regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified  
27 accordingly.  
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29 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or  
30 in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,