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BY REPRESENTATIVES DUTERTE, FERRER (J.M.), CO (E.), QUIMBO, ACIDRE, ALBANO, PALMA, SUAREZ, ALVAREZ (J.), AQUINO, ARENAS, BAUTISTA-LIM, BONGALON, CAJAYON-UY, CELESTE, CUARESMA, ESPINA, GO (E.C.), GONZAGA, HARESCO, LOYOLA, MATUGAS, MOMO, NAVA, SINGSON (R.V.), TIANGCO, UMALI, VIOLAGO, YU (D.G.), ZUBIRI, ABALOS, ADIONG, ADVINCULA, ALMARIO, AMANTE, ANG, ASISTIO, AUMENTADO, BASCUG, BOSITA, BUSTOS, CHATTO, COJUANGCO (J.), CRUZ (A.), CRUZ (R.), DAGOOC, DIONISIO, EUDELA, FORTES, FRESNEDI, GARCIA (D.), GARCIA (M.A.), GARDIOLA, GO (M.), GOLEZ, GUTIERREZ, HERNANDEZ, KHONGHUN, LAGON (D.), LAGON (S.), LAZATIN, LEE, LEGARDA, LUISTRO, MACEDA, MANGAOANG, MASTURA, MATIBAG, NOGRALES (M.I.), OUANO-DIZON, PADUANO, PANALIGAN, PANCHO, PLEYTO, REVILLA (R.J.), RODRIGUEZ (E.), SAKALURAN, SALI, SANTOS, TAN (J.), TANCHAY, TULFO (J.), VARGAS, VERGARA, VERZOSA, YAP (C.), ENVERGA, GASATAYA, MARIANO-HERNANDEZ, MARIÑO, MARQUEZ, MIGUEL, ROQUE, VILLAFUERTE (L.R.), SAULOG AND YAP (C.T.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 236

AN ACT

CREATING ELEVEN (11) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF DAVAO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE 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.** Eleven (11) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in
2 the Eleventh Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the City of Davao.
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4 The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly

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

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11 **SEC. 3.** The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act, including
12 appropriations for personnel services such as salaries, benefits and emoluments for
13 judges and court personnel, court operations under maintenance and other operating
14 expenses (MOOE), and provisions for Halls of Justice or courtrooms to accommodate
15 judges and court staff, AS WELL AS FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
16 OF AUTOMATICALLY-CREATED PROSECUTOR POSITIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 13
17 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10071 OR THE "PROSECUTION SERVICE ACT OF 2010" AND
18 APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ATTORNEYS PURSUANT TO SECTION 7 OF REPUBLIC ACT
19 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,
22 BENEFITS, AND EMOLUMENTS FOR PROSECUTORS, shall be included in the annual
23 General Appropriations Act.
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25 **SEC. 4.** Section 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary
26 Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations
27 which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified
28 accordingly.
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30 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
31 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,