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AN ACT

CREATING FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ROSARIO AND SAN JUAN, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) 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.** Five (5) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Fourth
2 Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the Province of Batangas as
3 follows:

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5 (a) Four (4) branches in the Municipality of Rosario; and
6 (b) One (1) branch in the Municipality of San Juan.

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8 The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly
9 created branches of the Regional Trial Court.

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11 **SEC. 2.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary
12 of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court’s program the
13 operationalization of the additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the
14 Municipalities of Rosario and San Juan, Province of Batangas. THE SUPREME COURT
15 SHALL ISSUE THE NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE EFFECTIVE
16 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT AND, IF WARRANTED, THE REALIGNMENT OF SEATS
17 OF EXISTING BRANCHES AND THEIR TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.

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

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33 THE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COURTS HEREIN CREATED
34 SHALL BE APPROPRIATED AND RELEASED ONLY UPON THE ACTUAL ORGANIZATION
35 OF THE COURT AND THE APPOINTMENT OF ITS PERSONNEL.

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37 **SEC. 4.** THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS WILL HAVE FIVE (5) BRANCHES STATIONED
38 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROSARIO. THE STAFFING PATTERN OF EACH BRANCH
39 SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

NO. OF POSITIONS	POSITION TITLE	SG
1	REGIONAL TRIAL COURT JUDGE	29
1	CLERK OF COURT V	24
1	COURT LEGAL RESEARCHER II	15
1	INTERPRETER III	12
4	COURT STENOGRAPHER III	12
1	SHERIFF IV	12
2	CLERK III	6
1	PROCESS SERVER	5
1	UTILITY WORKER I	1
13	PERSONNEL	

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2 THE STAFF COMPLEMENT OF THE NEW OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT (OCC)
3 SHALL BE COMPOSED OF FIFTEEN (15) PERSONNEL, WHILE THE DATA ENTRY
4 MACHINE OPERATOR (DEMO) FROM THE ORIGINAL RTC WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO
5 THE OCC, UNLESS THE SAME IS MODIFIED AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE
6 SUPREME COURT.

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8 IN ADDITION, THERE SHALL BE APPOINTED THE CORRESPONDING NUMBER OF
9 PROSECUTOR/S AND PUBLIC ATTORNEY/S AND THEIR SUPPORT STAFF BASED ON
10 THE RATIO OUTLINED IN REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10071 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9406,
11 RESPECTIVELY.

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13 SEC. 5. THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS WILL HAVE A SINGLE-SALA RTC
14 STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JUAN. THE STAFFING PATTERN OF THE
15 SINGLE-SALA BRANCH SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:
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NO.	POSITIONS	SG
1	REGIONAL TRIAL COURT JUDGE	29
1	CLERK OF COURT VI	25
1	COURT LEGAL RESEARCHER II	15
1	INTERPRETER III	12
4	COURT STENOGRAPHER III	12
1	SHERIFF IV	12
1	DATA ENTRY MACHINE OPERATOR II	8
2	CLERK III	6
1	PROCESS SERVER	5
1	UTILITY WORKER I	1
14	PERSONNEL	

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18 **SEC. [4]6.** Section 14(e) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The
19 Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and
20 regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or
21 modified accordingly.

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23 **SEC. [5]7.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
24 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,