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AN ACT

CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF GINGOOG, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(K) 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.** Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Tenth
2 Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the City of Gingoog, Province of
3 Misamis Oriental.

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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 City of
11 Gingoog, Province of Misamis Oriental. THE SUPREME COURT SHALL ISSUE THE
12 NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF
13 THIS ACT AND, IF WARRANTED, THE REALIGNMENT OF SEATS OF EXISTING
14 BRANCHES AND THEIR TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.

1 **SEC. 3.** The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act, including
2 appropriations for personnel services such as salaries, benefits and emoluments for
3 judges and court personnel, court operations under maintenance and other operating
4 expenses (MOOE), and provisions for Halls of Justice or courtrooms to accommodate
5 judges and court staff, AS WELL AS FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION
6 OF AUTOMATICALLY-CREATED PROSECUTOR POSITIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 13
7 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10071 OR THE “PROSECUTION SERVICE ACT OF 2010” AND
8 APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ATTORNEYS PURSUANT TO SECTION 7 OF REPUBLIC ACT
9 NO. 9406 OR THE “ACT REORGANIZING AND STRENGTHENING THE PUBLIC
10 ATTORNEY’S OFFICE (PAO)”, RESULTING FROM THE CREATION OF THESE COURTS,
11 INCLUDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PERSONNEL SERVICES SUCH AS SALARIES,
12 BENEFITS, AND EMOLUMENTS FOR PROSECUTORS AND PUBLIC ATTORNEYS, shall
13 be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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15 THE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COURTS HEREIN CREATED
16 SHALL BE APPROPRIATED AND RELEASED ONLY UPON THE ACTUAL ORGANIZATION
17 OF THE COURT AND THE APPOINTMENT OF ITS PERSONNEL.
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19 **SEC. 4.** THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE CITY OF GINGOOG SHALL HAVE
20 FIVE (5) BRANCHES. THE STAFFING PATTERN OF EACH BRANCH SHALL BE AS
21 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	

22 THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT (OCC) THAT CURRENTLY HAS NINE (9)
23 MEMBERS WILL NEED ADDITIONAL SIX (6) STAFF MEMBERS, INCREASING THE
24 TOTAL STAFF MEMBERS TO FIFTEEN (15), UNLESS THE SAME IS MODIFIED AS MAY
25 BE DETERMINED BY THE SUPREME COURT.
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27 IN ADDITION, THERE SHALL BE APPOINTED THE CORRESPONDING NUMBER OF
28 PROSECUTOR/S AND PUBLIC ATTORNEY/S AND THEIR SUPPORT STAFF BASED ON
29 THE RATIO OUTLINED IN REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10071 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9406,
30 RESPECTIVELY.
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32 **SEC. [4] 5.** Section 14(k) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as “The
33 Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980”, as amended, and all other laws, rules and
34 regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or
35 modified accordingly.
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37 **SEC. [5] 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
38 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,