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Metro Manila

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Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the nineteenth day of February, two thousand seven.

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. **9448**]

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF IMELDA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (J) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 14, paragraph (j) of Batas Pambansa Bilang Isang Daan at Dalawampu't Siyam, otherwise known as

the "Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 14. *Regional Trial Courts.* –

"x x x

"(j) Thirty-one Regional Trial Judges shall be commissioned for the Ninth Judicial Region. There shall be:

"x x x

"Fourteen branches with seats thereat for the Province of Zamboanga del Sur and the Cities of Pagadian and Zamboanga, with seats at Zamboanga City, Pagadian City, Molave, San Miguel and Aurora.

"Two branches with seats thereat for the Province of Zamboanga Sibugay with seats at Ipil and Imelda."

SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall immediately assign the necessary personnel for the additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of Imelda, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay, in accordance with this Act.

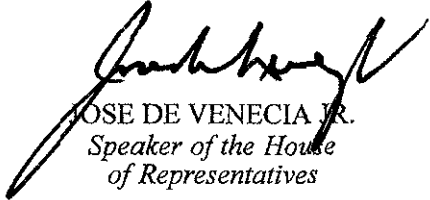
SEC. 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the court's program the operationalization of one additional Regional Trial Court branch in the Province of Zamboanga Sibugay, with station at the Municipality of Imelda, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in full in the *Official Gazette* or in two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,



MANNY VILLAR
President of the Senate

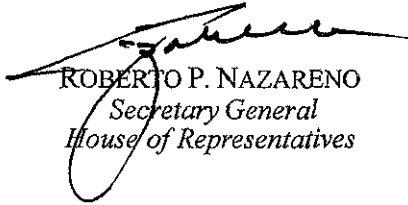


JOSE DE VENECIA JR.
Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on November 29, 2005 and February 19, 2007, respectively.



OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate



ROBERTO P. NAZARENO
Secretary General House of Representatives

Approved: **MAY 15 2007**



GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President of the Philippines

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