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## H. No. 5744

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

By Representatives Radaza, Tupas and Abaya, per Committee Report No. 1755

AN ACT CREATING TWELVE (12) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES TO BE STATIONED IN LAPU-LAPU CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (H) AND SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

- SECTION 1. Twelve (12) additional Regional Trial Court branches and two (2) additional Municipal Trial Court in Cities branches are hereby created in the Seventh Judicial Region, with seats at Lapu-Lapu City.
- The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the newly-created branches of the Regional Trial Court and the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the Seventh Judicial Region.
- SEC. 2. 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 twelve (12) additional branches of

the Regional Trial Court and two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities to be stationed in Lapu-Lapu City, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Section 14(h) and Section 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,