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### AN ACT

**CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABAGAN, PROVINCE OF ISABELA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (B) 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 Second  
2 Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the Municipality of Cabagan,  
3 Province of Isabela.

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

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

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

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26 THE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COURTS HEREIN CREATED  
27 SHALL BE APPROPRIATED AND RELEASED ONLY UPON THE ACTUAL ORGANIZATION  
28 OF THE COURT AND THE APPOINTMENT OF ITS PERSONNEL.

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30 **SEC.4.** THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABAGAN WILL  
31 HAVE THREE (3) BRANCHES. THE STAFFING PATTERN OF EACH BRANCH SHALL BE AS  
32 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	

1 THE STAFF COMPLEMENT OF THE NEW OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT (OCC)  
2 SHALL BE COMPOSED OF NINE (9) PERSONNEL, WHILE THE DATA ENTRY MACHINE  
3 OPERATOR (DEMO) FROM THE ORIGINAL RTC WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE OCC,  
4 UNLESS MODIFIED AS DETERMINED BY THE SUPREME COURT.

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

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10 **SEC. [4] 5.** Section 14 (b) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The  
11 Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and  
12 regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or  
13 modified accordingly.

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15 **SEC. [5] 6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the  
16 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,