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[AN ACT

~~CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT, TO BE DESIGNATED AS A SPECIAL COURT FOR DRUGS CASES, IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF BAYBAY, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (I) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED]~~

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** One (1) additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Eighth
2 Judicial Region, [~~to be designated as a Special Court for Drugs Cases,~~] is hereby
3 created and stationed in the City of Baybay, Province of Leyte.

1 The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number for the newly created branch of
2 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 branch of the Regional Trial Court in the City of
7 Baybay, Province of Leyte. THE SUPREME COURT SHALL ISSUE THE NECESSARY
8 RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT
9 AND, IF WARRANTED, THE REALIGNMENT OF SEATS OF EXISTING BRANCHES AND
10 THEIR 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 the
14 judge and court personnel, court operations under maintenance and other operating
15 expenses (MOOE), and provisions for a Hall of Justice or courtroom to accommodate
16 the judge and court staff, AS WELL AS FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE
17 IMPLEMENTATION OF AUTOMATICALLY-CREATED PROSECUTOR POSITIONS
18 PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10071 OR THE "PROSECUTION
19 SERVICE ACT OF 2010" AND APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ATTORNEYS PURSUANT TO
20 SECTION 7 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9406 OR THE "ACT REORGANIZING AND
21 STRENGTHENING THE PUBLIC ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (PAO)", RESULTING FROM THE
22 CREATION OF THESE COURTS, INCLUDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PERSONNEL
23 SERVICES SUCH AS SALARIES, BENEFITS, AND EMOLUMENTS FOR PROSECUTORS
24 AND PUBLIC ATTORNEYS shall be 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 BAYBAY, LEYTE WILL HAVE TWO (2)
31 BRANCHES. THE STAFFING PATTERN OF EACH BRANCH SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:
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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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34 THE STAFF COMPLEMENT OF THE NEW OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT (OCC)
35 SHALL BE COMPOSED OF NINE (9) PERSONNEL, WHILE THE DATA ENTRY MACHINE
36 OPERATOR (DEMO) FROM THE ORIGINAL RTC WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE OCC,
37 UNLESS MODIFIED AS DETERMINED BY THE SUPREME COURT.

1 IN ADDITION, THERE SHALL BE APPOINTED THE CORRESPONDING NUMBER OF
2 PROSECUTOR/S AND PUBLIC ATTORNEY/S AND THEIR SUPPORT STAFF BASED ON
3 THE RATIO OUTLINED IN REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10071 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9406,
4 RESPECTIVELY.
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6 **SEC. [4]5.** Section 14 (i) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The
7 Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and
8 regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or
9 modified accordingly.
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11 **SEC. [5]6.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
12 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,