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**AN ACT**

**CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF SAN CARLOS, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 29 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.** Three (3) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in  
2 the First Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the City of San Carlos,  
3 Province of Pangasinan.

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5       The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly  
6 created branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities.

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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 Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the  
11 City of San Carlos, Province of Pangasinan. 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.

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

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30       THE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COURTS HEREIN CREATED  
31 SHALL BE APPROPRIATED AND RELEASED ONLY UPON THE ACTUAL ORGANIZATION  
32 OF THE COURT AND THE APPOINTMENT OF ITS PERSONNEL.

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34       **SEC. 4.** THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES (MTCC) IN THE CITY OF SAN  
35 CARLOS SHALL HAVE FOUR (4) BRANCHES. THE STAFFING PATTERN OF EACH  
36 BRANCH SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

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NO. OF POSITIONS	POSITION TITLE	SG
1	CITY TRIAL COURT JUDGE	28
1	CLERK OF COURT III	22
1	COURT LEGAL RESEARCHER I	12
1	INTERPRETER II	10
3	COURT STENOGRAPHER II	10
1	SHERIFF III	10
1	CLERK IV	8
1	CLERK III	6
1	PROCESS SERVER	5
1	UTILITY WORKER I	1
12	PERSONNEL	

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THE STAFF COMPLEMENT OF THE NEW OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT (OCC) SHALL BE COMPOSED OF EIGHTEEN (18) PERSONNEL, WHILE THE DATA ENTRY MACHINE OPERATOR (DEMO) FROM THE ORIGINAL RTC WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE OCC, UNLESS THE SAME IS MODIFIED AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE SUPREME COURT.

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

**SEC. [4]** 5. 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. [5]** 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,