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AN ACT

CREATING ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF SAN JUAN, CONVERTING FOUR (4) BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN PASIG CITY INTO FOUR (4) BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN CITY OF SAN JUAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) AND 27 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.** Four (4) branches of the Regional Trial Court for the City of Pasig and
2 located in the City of San Juan, namely Branches 68, 160, 162 and 164, are hereby
3 converted into branches of the Regional Trial Court for the City of San Juan.
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5 The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers of the newly
6 converted branches of the Regional Trial Court under this Section, if necessary.
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8 **SEC. 2.** In addition to the newly converted branches of the Regional Trial Court for
9 the City of San Juan under the preceding section, two (2) additional branches of the
10 Regional Trial Court and two (2) additional branches of the Metropolitan Trial Court in
11 the National Capital Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the City of San
12 Juan.
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14 The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly
15 created branches of the Regional Trial Court and Metropolitan Trial Court in the City of
16 San Juan.
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18 **SEC. 3.** An Office of the Clerk of Court shall be created and organized with the
19 corresponding *plantilla* based on the number of branches in the said station.
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21 **SEC. 4.** The jurisdiction over cases emanating from the City of San Juan, cognizable
22 by the proper courts under existing law, shall be lodged in the branches of the Regional
23 Trial Court or Metropolitan Trial Court created under this Act, and in such other
24 branches that may be subsequently created, organized and stationed in the City of San
25 Juan.
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27 The territorial jurisdiction for the Regional Trial Court and the Metropolitan Trial
28 Court in the City of Pasig is hereby modified to exclude the City of San Juan.
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30 **SEC. 5.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary
31 of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the
32 operationalization of the newly created and converted branches of the Regional Trial
33 Court and Metropolitan Trial Court in the City of San Juan.
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35 **SEC. 6.** The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act, including
36 appropriations for personnel services such as salaries, benefits and emoluments for
37 judges and court personnel, court operations under maintenance and other operating
38 expenses (MOOE), and provisions for Halls of Justice or courtrooms to accommodate
39 judges and court staff, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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41 **SEC. 7.** Section 14(d) and Section 28 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise
42 known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws,
43 rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended,
44 repealed or modified accordingly.
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46 **SEC. 8.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
47 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,