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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. THE SUPREME COURT SHALL ISSUE THE NECESSARY RULES AND  
13 REGULATIONS FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT AND, IF  
14 WARRANTED, THE REALIGNMENT OF SEATS OF EXISTING BRANCHES AND THEIR  
15 TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.  
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17       The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly  
18 created branches of the Regional Trial Court and Metropolitan Trial Court in the City of  
19 San Juan.  
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21       **SEC. 3.** An Office of the Clerk of Court shall be created and organized with the  
22 corresponding *plantilla* based on the number of branches in the said station.  
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24       **SEC. 4.** The jurisdiction over cases emanating from the City of San Juan, cognizable  
25 by the proper courts under existing law, shall be lodged in the branches of the Regional  
26 Trial Court or Metropolitan Trial Court created under this Act, and in such other  
27 branches that may be subsequently created, organized and stationed in the City of San  
28 Juan.  
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30       The territorial jurisdiction for the Regional Trial Court and the Metropolitan Trial  
31 Court in the City of Pasig is hereby modified to exclude the City of San Juan.  
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33       **SEC. 5.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary  
34 of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court’s program the  
35 operationalization of the newly created and converted branches of the Regional Trial  
36 Court and Metropolitan Trial Court in the City of San Juan.  
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38       **SEC. 6.** The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act, including  
39 appropriations for personnel services such as salaries, benefits and emoluments for  
40 judges and court personnel, court operations under maintenance and other operating  
41 expenses (MOOE), and provisions for Halls of Justice or courtrooms to accommodate  
42 judges and court staff, AS WELL AS FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION  
43 OF AUTOMATICALLY-CREATED PROSECUTOR POSITIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 13  
44 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10071 OR THE “PROSECUTION SERVICE ACT OF 2010” AND  
45 APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ATTORNEYS PURSUANT TO SECTION 7 OF REPUBLIC ACT  
46 NO. 9406 OR THE “ACT REORGANIZING AND STRENGTHENING THE PUBLIC  
47 ATTORNEY’S OFFICE (PAO)”, RESULTING FROM THE CREATION OF THESE COURTS,  
48 INCLUDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PERSONNEL SERVICES SUCH AS SALARIES,  
49 BENEFITS, AND EMOLUMENTS FOR PROSECUTORS AND PUBLIC ATTORNEYS, shall be  
50 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.  
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52       THE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COURTS HEREIN CREATED

1 SHALL BE APPROPRIATED AND RELEASED ONLY UPON THE ACTUAL ORGANIZATION  
2 OF THE COURT AND THE APPOINTMENT OF ITS PERSONNEL.

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4 SEC. 7. THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF SAN JUAN CITY WILL HAVE SEVEN (7)  
5 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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8 THE STAFF COMPLEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT (OCC) SHALL  
9 BE COMPOSED OF TWENTY-FOUR (24) PERSONNEL, UNLESS THE SAME IS MODIFIED  
10 AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE SUPREME COURT.  
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13 SEC. 8. THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT IN THE CITY OF SAN JUAN SHALL  
14 HAVE FOUR (4) BRANCHES. THE STAFFING PATTERN OF EACH BRANCH SHALL BE AS  
15 FOLLOWS:

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

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18 THE STAFF COMPLEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT (OCC) SHALL  
19 BE COMPOSED OF TWENTY-THREE (23) PERSONNEL, UNLESS THE SAME IS MODIFIED  
20 AS MAY BE DETERMINED BY THE SUPREME COURT.

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

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27 **SEC. [7]9.** Section 14(d) and Section 28 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise  
known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws,

1 rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended,  
2 repealed or modified accordingly.

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4 **SEC. [8]10.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in  
5 the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,