



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5305

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BY REPRESENTATIVES PETILLA, CARI, DATUMANONG AND SALCEDA, PER  
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1584

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AN ACT CREATING TWO ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
BRANCHES IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE STATIONED  
IN THE CITY OF TACLOBAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (I) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION  
ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR

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

1           SECTION I. Section 14, paragraph (i) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129,  
2 otherwise known as the "Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended,  
3 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

4                   "SEC. 14. *Regional Trial Courts.* –

5                   x   x   x

1                   “(c) [Forty-one] FORTY-THREE Regional Trial Court  
2 Judges shall be commissioned for the Eighth Judicial Region

3 There shall be:

4                   “x x x

5                   [Seventeen] NINETEEN branches with seats thereat for the  
6 Province of Leyte, the [Sub-p]Province of Biliran, and the Cities  
7 of Ormoc and Tacloban, with seats at Tacloban City, Abuyog,  
8 Calubian, Ormoc City, Carigara, Baybay, Burauen, Naval,  
9 Palompon, Hilongos, and Caibiran;

10                  “x x x.”

11                  SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the two additional branches of  
12 the Regional Trial Court in the City of Tacloban, Province of Leyte in  
13 accordance with this Act.

14                  SEC 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in coordination with  
15 the Secretary of the Department of Justice shall immediately include in the  
16 court’s program the operationalization of the additional Regional Trial Court  
17 branches in the Province of Leyte, with station at the City of Tacloban, the  
18 funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

19                  SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,