



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 3043

BY REPRESENTATIVES SUMULONG, PUNO, DUAVIT, DATUMANONG AND
ANDAYA

AN ACT CREATING FOUR ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
BRANCHES AND TWO ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL TRIAL
COURT BRANCHES WITH STATION AT THE CITY OF
ANTIPOLO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS
PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
"JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

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

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

5 x x x

6 (e) [Ninety-six] ONE HUNDRED Regional Trial Judges shall

7 be commissioned for the Fourth Judicial Region. There shall be:

1 x x x

2 [Fourteen] EIGHTEEN branches with seats thereat for the
3 Province of Rizal, AND ANTIPOLO CITY, except the cities and
4 municipalities embraced within the National Capital Judicial Region,
5 with seats at Binangonan, [Antipolo,] San Mateo, Morong, [and]
6 Tanay, AND ANTIPOLO CITY; and

7 x x x.”

8 SEC. 2. Section 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as
9 the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, as amended, is hereby further
10 amended to read as follows:

11 “SEC. 29. *Municipal Trial Courts in cities.* – In every city
12 which does not form part of a metropolitan area there shall be a
13 Municipal Trial Court with one branch except as hereunder provided:

14 x x x

15 **FOUR BRANCHES FOR ANTIPOLO CITY;**

16 x x x.”

17 SEC. 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with
18 the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the
19 court’s program the operationalization of four additional regional trial court
20 branches and two additional municipal trial court branches for the Province of

1 Rizal with stations at the City of Antipolo, the funding of which shall be
2 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

3 SEC. 4. The Supreme Court shall issue the necessary rules and
4 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act and if warranted, the
5 realignment of the seats of existing branches and their territorial jurisdictions.

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

Approved,

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