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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5095

By Representatives Castro, Datumanong and Andaya, per Committee Report No. 1386

AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF DUMALAG, AND FOUR BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TAPAZ, SAPIAN, CUARTERO AND SIGMA OF THE PROVINCE OF CAPIZ, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (G) AND SECTION 30 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980," AS AMENDED, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 14, paragraph (g) 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

1	(g) [Sixty-nine] SEVENTY Regional Trial Judges shall
2	be commissioned for the Sixth Judicial Region. There shall be:
3	x x x
4	[Eight] NINE branches with seats thereat for the Province
5	of Capiz and the City of Roxas, with seats at Roxas City,
6	DUMALAG and Mambusao;
7	x x x."
8	SEC. 2. Section 30 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. 30. Municipal Trial Courts In each of the
12	municipalities that are not comprised within a metropolitan area
13	and a municipal circuit, there shall be a Municipal Trial Court
14	which shall have one branch, except as hereunder provided:
15	x x x."
16	ONE BRANCH EACH FOR THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TAPAZ,
17	SAPIAN, CUARTERO AND SIGMA.
18	x x x."
19	SEC. 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with
20	the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the
21	court's program the operationalization of an additional branch of the Regional

1	Trial Court with station at the Municipality of Dumalag, and four additional
2	municipal trial court branches for the Province of Capiz with stations at the
3	municipalities of Tapaz, Sapian, Cuartero and Sigma, the funding of which
4	shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

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

Approved,