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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

A government should be under the rule of law and not of men. To maintain peaceful governance under the rule of law, the state should have an effective justice system, which includes, among other elements, an impartial tribunal, ready representation for the accused, and a competent prosecuting arm on behalf of the state and its people.

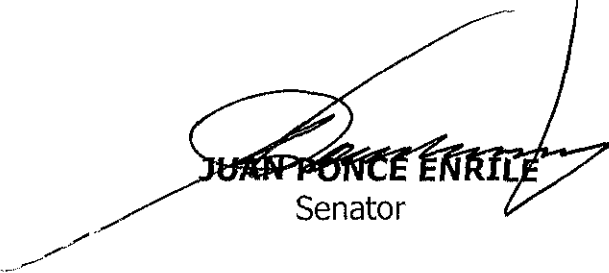
In our country, the National Prosecution Service (NPS) is the prosecution arm of the Department of Justice (DOJ). Its members, the public prosecutors, are the ones who stand before our Courts of Justice to represent the People and the aggrieved in a criminal case. Therefore, for better service of criminal justice, public prosecutors must be of certain caliber to better meet the expectations of the People and the wronged individuals whose rights they represent.

Recruitment of good legal practitioners is not an easy task for the DOJ, due to several factors. A public prosecutor has a heavy workload, composed not only of criminal cases but also of family law cases which they handle as deputized by and on behalf of the Office of the Solicitor General. Moreover, it is a fact that government service is not as lucrative as private practice. But to aggravate this deterrent, prosecutors face a greater risk to their persons and their family whenever they are given sensitive and controversial cases, as he or she, in the effort of protecting the cause of the complainant and the people, may suffer the ire of the defendant.

In the past three years, the DOJ was said to fill up more than 200 vacant positions in the NPS in order to cope with the deluge of cases averaging around 400,000 per year. However, it was said that the NPS still needs more than 600 prosecutors and about 150 support staff in order to be more effective in their duties.

Sheer strength in numbers is not sufficient in order to have a competent prosecuting arm. It is also important that there is an efficient organization which houses the worthy individuals chosen as public prosecutors. It is for this purpose that this Bill is presented – to improve the quantity and quality of recruitment in the National Prosecution Service by the creation of a Screening Board, and strengthen the organization by creating new positions, as well as realigning those positions that are already existing.

This Bill seeks to be a tool to improve the speedy dispensation of justice in our country. In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of the Bill is earnestly sought.



**JUAN PONCE ENRILE**  
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**AN ACT**  
**AMENDING PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NUMBERED 1275, ENTITLED**  
**"REORGANIZING THE PROSECUTION STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
**JUSTICE AND THE OFFICES OF THE PROVINCIAL AND CITY FISCALS,**  
**REGIONALIZING THE PROSECUTION SERVICE, AND CREATING THE**  
**NATIONAL PROSECUTION SERVICE," AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER**  
**PURPOSES**

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

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2 SECTION 1. SECTION 1 of Presidential Decree No. 1275 is hereby amended to read  
3 as follows:

4 SECTION 1. Creation of the National Prosecution Service; Supervision  
5 and Control of the Secretary of Justice. – There is hereby created and  
6 established a National Prosecution Service under the supervision and  
7 control of the Secretary of Justice, to be composed of the Prosecution  
8 Staff in the Office of the Secretary of Justice and such number of  
9 Regional Prosecution Offices, [and Provincial and City Fiscal's Offices]  
10 OFFICES OF THE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR AND OFFICES OF THE  
11 CITY PROSECUTOR as are hereinafter provided, which shall be primarily  
12 responsible for the investigation and prosecution of all cases involving  
13 violations of penal laws.

14 The power of supervision and control vested in the Secretary of  
15 Justice includes authority to act directly on any matter [within the  
16 jurisdiction of the Prosecution Staff, the Regional State Prosecution

1 Office or the Office of the Provincial or City Fiscal] INVOLVING  
2 NATIONAL SECURITY OR TO AVOID A MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE, and  
3 to review, REVISE, modify or [revoke any decision or action of the Chief  
4 of said staff or office] AFFIRM ON PETITION FOR REVIEW AS THE LAW  
5 OR THE RULES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MAY PROVIDE,  
6 FINAL RESOLUTIONS OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR, REGIONAL  
7 STATE PROSECUTOR, PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR AND CITY  
8 PROSECUTOR.

9 SEC. 2. SECTION 3 of Presidential Decree No. 1275 is hereby amended to read as  
10 follows:

11 SEC. 3. The Prosecution Staff [; Organization, Qualifications,  
12 Appointment]. – The Prosecution Staff shall be [composed of prosecuting  
13 officers in such number as hereinbelow determined. It shall be] headed  
14 by a Chief State Prosecutor who shall be assisted by [three Assistants  
15 Chief State Prosecutors] THE FOLLOWING:

16 (A) FIVE (5) DEPUTY CHIEF STATE PROSECUTORS

17 (B) TWENTY (20) SENIOR ASSOCIATE STATE PROSECUTORS

18 (C) TWENTY (20) ASSOCIATE STATE PROSECUTORS

19 (D) NINETY (90) SENIOR ASSISTANT STATE PROSECUTORS

20 (E) TEN (10) PROSECUTOR ATTORNEYS

21 The Chief State Prosecutor, the [three Assistants Chief State Prosecutors;]  
22 DEPUTY CHIEF STATE PROSECUTORS; SENIOR ASSOCIATION STATE  
23 PROSECUTORS, ASSOCIATE STATE PROSECUTORS, SENIOR STATE  
24 PROSECUTORS, PROSECUTION ATTORNEYS and the members of the  
25 Prosecution Staff shall be selected from among qualified and  
26 *professionally trained members of the legal profession who are of proven*  
27 *integrity and competence and have been in the actual practice of the legal*  
28 *profession for at least five (5) years prior to their appointment or have*

1 held during like period[,] any position requiring the qualifications of a  
2 lawyer.

3 They shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon  
4 recommendation of the Secretary of Justice.

5 SEC. 3. Section 4 of Presidential Decree No. 1275 is hereby deleted and, in lieu  
6 thereof, a new Section 4 shall be inserted to read as follows:

7 SEC. 4. [Prosecution Staff: Composition and Salaries. The composition of  
8 the Prosecution Staff shall be as follows:

9 One Chief State Prosecutor

10 Three Assistant Chief State Prosecutors

11 Six Senior State Prosecutors

12 Six Senior State Prosecutors

13 Six State Prosecutors

14 Six State Prosecutors

15 Six State Prosecutors

16 Ten State Prosecutors

17 Ten State Prosecutors

18 Six State Prosecutors

19 Six State Prosecutors

20 Six State Prosecutors

21 In addition, there shall be in the Office of the Secretary of Justice, six  
22 Prosecution Attorneys, who shall be members of the bar, to be appointed  
23 by the Secretary of Justice, and who shall assist the Prosecution Staff in  
24 the performance of its functions as hereinabove provided.] SCREENING  
25 BOARD. - THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR AND DEPUTY CHIEF STATE  
26 PROSECUTORS SHALL ACT AS A BOARD TO SCREEN APPLICANTS FOR  
27 APPOINTMENT OR PROMOTION TO ANY PROSECUTORIAL POSITION IN  
28 THE NATIONAL PROSECUTION SERVICE. THE REGIONAL PROSECUTOR,

1 PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR OR CITY PROSECUTOR SHALL SIT AS A  
 2 MEMBER OF THE BOARD WHENEVER IT CONSIDERS APPLICANTS FOR  
 3 POSITIONS IN HIS OFFICE. THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR SHALL BE  
 4 THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD.

5 SEC. 4. SECTION 5 of Presidential Decree No. 1275 is hereby deleted.

6 SEC. 5. SECTION 6 of Presidential Decree No. 1275 is hereby amended to read as  
 7 follows:

8 SEC. 6. Regional [State] Prosecution Office [: Regions. There shall be an  
 9 office to be known as the Regional Prosecution Office in each of the  
 10 following regions:

Region I	Center	San Fernando, La Union
	Area	Abra, Benguet, Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union, Mt. Province, Pangasinan and the cities of Baguio, DAgupan, Laoag and San Carlos
Region II	Center	Tuguegarao, Cagayan
	Area	Batanes, Cagayan, Ifugao, Isabela, Kalinga-Apayao, Nueva Viscaya and Quirino
Region III	Center	San Fernando, Pampanga
	Area	Bataan, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga, Tarlac, Zambales and the cities of Angeles, Cabanatuan, Olongapo, Palayan and San Jose
Region IV-A	Center	Pasig, Metro Manila
	Area	Batangas, Cavite, Laguna, Marinduque, Mindoro Occidental, Mindoro Occidental, Palawan, Quezon, Rizal, Romblon, Aurora Sub-Province and the cities of Batangas, Cavite, Lipa, Lucena, Puerto Princesa, San Pablo, Tagaytay and Trece Martires
Region V	Center	Legaspi City
	Area	Albay, Camarines Sur, Camarines Norte, Catanduanes, Masbate, Sorsogon and the cities of Legaspi, Naga and Iriga
Region VI	Center	Iloilo city
	Area	Aklan, Antique, Capiz, Iloilo, Negros Occidental and the cities of

		Bacolod, Bago, Cadiz, Iloilo, La Carlota, Roxas, San Carlos and Silay
Region VII	Center	Cebu City
	Area	Bohol, Cebu, Negros Oriental, Siquijor and the cities of Bais, Canlaon, Cebu, Danao, Dumaguete, Lapu-Lapu, Mandaue, Tagbilaran and Toledo
Region VIII	Center	Tacloban City
	Area	Eastern Samar, Leyte, Northern Samar, Southern Leyte, Western Samar, Biliran, Sub-province and the cities of Calbayog, Ormoc and Tacloban
Region IX-A	Center	Jolo
	Area	Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-tawi
Region IX-B	Center	Zamboanga City
	Area	Zamboanga del Norte and Zamboanga del Sur and the cities of Dapitan, Dipolog, Pagaidan and Zamboanga
Region X	Center	Cagayan de Oro City
	Area	Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Bukidnon, Camiguin, Misamis Occidental, Misamis Oriental, Surigao del Norte, and the cities of Butuan, Cagayan de Oro, Guingoog, Ozamis, Oroquieta, Surigao and Tangub
Region XI	Center	Davao City
	Area	Davao del Norte, Davao Oriental, Davao del Sur, South Cotabato, Surigao del Sur and the cities of Davao and General Santos
Region XII	Center	Cotabato City
	Area	Lanao del Norte, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, North Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat and the cities of Cotabato, Iligan and Marawi

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For purposes of this regionalization, Region IV comprising the cities of

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Manila, Quezon, Pasay and Caloocan, as well as all the municipalities

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comprised within the Metropolitan Manila Area under P.D. No. 824, shall

1 be placed directly under the administrative supervision of the Chief State  
2 Prosecutor.]

3 THERE SHALL BE AT EACH ADMINISTRATIVE REGION, EXCEPT  
4 THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION, A REGIONAL PROSECUTION OFFICE  
5 TO BE HEADED BY A REGIONAL PROSECUTOR WHO SHALL BE ASSISTED  
6 BY A DEPUTY REGIONAL PROSECUTOR, ONE ASSOCIATE REGIONAL  
7 PROSECUTOR AND THREE SENIOR ASSISTANT PROSECUTORS.

8 FOR PURPOSES OF THIS REGIONALIZATION, THE NATIONAL  
9 CAPITAL REGION SHALL BE PLACED DIRECTLY UNDER THE  
10 ADMINISTRATIVE SUPERVISION OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR.

11 SEC. 6. SECTION 7 of Presidential Decree No. 1275 is hereby deleted.

12 SEC. 7. SECTION 9 of Presidential Decree No. 1275 is hereby amended to read as  
13 follows:

14 SEC. 9. Office of the Provincial [Fiscals] PROSECUTOR [and] OR City  
15 [Fiscals] PROSECUTOR [; Staffing]. – [There shall be in each province and  
16 each sub-province; one provincial fiscal and such number of assistant  
17 provincial fiscals as may hereinafter be provided for.

18 There shall be in each city fiscal and such number of assistant city  
19 fiscals as may hereinafter be provided.] THERE SHALL BE AT EACH  
20 PROVINCE OR CITY A PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR OR CITY PROSECUTOR,  
21 AS THE CASE MAY BE, WHO SHALL BE ASSISTED BY AT LEAST ONE  
22 DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR OR DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR AND  
23 SUCH NUMBER OF ASSOCIATE AND ASSISTANT PROSECUTORS AS  
24 PROVIDED FOR HEREINAFTER: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT WHENEVER  
25 A NEW PROVINCE OR CITY IS CREATED, IT SHALL HAVE A PROVINCIAL  
26 PROSECUTOR OR CITY PROSECUTOR, A DEPUTY PROVINCIAL  
27 PROSECUTOR OR DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR AND SUCH NUMBER OF  
28 ASSISTANT PROSECUTORS AS THERE ARE COURT BRANCHES THEREIN



1 AT THE RATIO OF TWO PROSECUTORS FOR EVERY BRANCH OF  
2 REGIONAL TRIAL COURT, ONE PROSECUTOR FOR EACH BRANCH OF  
3 METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT OR MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES,  
4 AND ONE PROSECUTOR FOR EVERY TWO MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN  
5 MUNICIPALITIES OR MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS. THE  
6 ASSISTANT PROSECUTORS FOR THE NEW PROVINCE OR CITY MAY BE  
7 APPOINTED FROM QUALIFIED APPLICANTS, OR TAKEN FROM THE  
8 OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR OR OFFICE OF THE CITY  
9 PROSECUTOR OF THE MOTHER PROVINCE OR CITY, USING AS A BASIS  
10 THE RATIO BETWEEN COURT BRANCHES AND PROSECUTORS  
11 MENTIONED ABOVE: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT WHEN ALL OR  
12 ALMOST ALL OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCHES ARE SEATED  
13 IN THE CITY, THE NUMBER OF PROSECUTORS FOR THE CITY SHALL BE  
14 PROPORTIONAL TO THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION COVERED BY THE  
15 COURTS.

16 SEC. 8. SECTION 10 of Presidential Decree No. 1275 is hereby deleted.

17 SEC. 9. SECTION 12 of Presidential Decree No. 1275 is hereby amended to read  
18 as follows:

19 SEC. 12. Offices of the Provincial [Fiscal] PROSECUTOR; [Their] Number  
20 OF PROSECUTORS in Each Province[/Sub-Province]. -- There shall be in  
21 each of the following provinces [and sub-provinces] the corresponding  
22 number of provincial [fiscals] PROSECUTOR AND HIS DEPUTIES,  
23 ASSOCIATES and [their] assistants:

24 [(a)Rizal:

25 One Provincial Fiscal

26 One First Assistant

27 Ten Second Assistants

28 Ten Third Assistants

1 Fourteen Fourth Assistants

2 Fourteen Assistants

3 (b) Cebu:

4 One Provincial Fiscal

5 One First Assistant

6 Four Second Assistants

7 Four Third Assistants

8 Six Fourth Assistants

9 Eight Assistants

10 (c) Pangasinan:

11 One Provincial Fiscal

12 One First Assistant

13 Three Second Assistants

14 Three Third Assistants

15 Six Fourth Assistants

16 Seven Assistants

17 (d) Quezon:

18 One Provincial Fiscal

19 One First Assistant

20 Two Second Assistants

21 Two Third Assistants

22 Four Fourth Assistants

23 Five Assistants

24 (e) Leyte; Negros Occidental:

25 One Provincial Fiscal

26 One First Assistant

27 Three Second Assistants

28 Four Third Assistants

- 1 Four Fourth Assistants
- 2 (f) Bulacan; Nueva Ecija:
- 3 One Provincial Fiscal
- 4 One First Assistant
- 5 Two Second Assistants
- 6 Four Third Assistants
- 7 Four Fourth Assistants
- 8 (g) Iloilo:
- 9 One Provincial Fiscal
- 10 One First Assistant
- 11 Four Second Assistants
- 12 Five Third Assistants
- 13 (h) Pampanga; Batangas; Ilocos Norte; Ilocos Sur; Laguna; Albay; Davao
- 14 del Sur; Camarines Sur:
- 15 One Provincial Fiscal
- 16 One First Assistant
- 17 Three Second Assistants
- 18 Four Third Assistants
- 19 (i) Cagayan; Isabela; Negros Oriental; La Union; Misamis Oriental; Cavite;
- 20 Zamboanga del Sur:
- 21 One Provincial Fiscal
- 22 One First Assistant
- 23 Three Second Assistants
- 24 Three Third Assistants
- 25 (j) Benguet; Tarlac; Northern Samar; Bohol; Capiz; Zamboanga del Norte;
- 26 Palawan:
- 27 One Provincial Fiscal
- 28 One First Assistant

1 Two Second Assistants

2 Two Third Assistants

3 (k) Western Samar; Zambales; Sorsogon; Masbate; Surigao del Norte;

4 Surigao del Sur; Misamis Occidental; Camarines Norte; Aklan; Davao

5 Oriental; Eastern Samar; Bukidnon; Lanao del Norte; Nueva Vizcaya:

6 One Provincial Fiscal

7 One First Assistant

8 Three Second Assistants

9 (l) South Cotabato; Bataan; Antique; Agusan del Norte; Abra; North

10 Cotabato; Mindoro Oriental; Mindoro Occidental; Catanduanes; Kalinga

11 Apayao; Lanao del Sur; Southern Leyte; Maguindanao; Sulu:

12 One Provincial Fiscal

13 One First Assistant

14 One Second Assistant

15 (m) Agusan del Sur; Romblon; Marinduque; Camiguin; Quirino;

16 Mountain Province; Ifugao; Siquijor; Batanes; Sultan Kudarat; Tawi-

17 Tawi; Basilan:

18 One Provincial Fiscal

19 One First Assistant

20 (n) Sub-Provinces of Aurora; Biliran; Guimaras:

21 One Provincial Fiscal

22 One First Assistant]

23 A) BULACAN: (46)

24 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR

25 TWO DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS

26 EIGHTEEN ASSOCIATE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS

27 TWENTY-FIVE SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS

28 B) CAMARINES SUR: (42)


- 1 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 2 TWO DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 3 SEVENTEEN ASSOCIATE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 4 TWENTY-TWO SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 5 C) PANGASINAN: (36)
- 6 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 7 TWO DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 8 FOURTEEN ASSOCIATE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 9 NINETEEN SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 10 D) LEYTE: (30)
- 11 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 12 TWO DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 13 TWELVE ASSOCIATE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 14 FIFTEEN SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 15 E) CAGAYAN; CEBU: (28)
- 16 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 17 ONE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 18 TWELVE SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 19 FOURTEEN ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 20 F) RIZAL; LAGUNA, BATANGAS; QUEZON: (26)
- 21 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 22 ONE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 23 ELEVEN SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 24 THIRTEEN ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 25 G) NUEVA ECIIJA; ILOILO: (24)
- 26 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 27 ONE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 28 TEN SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS

- 1 TWELVE ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 2 H) CAVITE: (23)
- 3 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 4 ONE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 5 NINE SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 6 TWELVE ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 7 I) ISABELA; PAMPANGA; AKLAN: (22)
- 8 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 9 ONE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 10 NINE SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 11 ELEVEN ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 12 J) BOHOL: (21)
- 13 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 14 ONE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 15 EIGHT SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 16 ELEVEN ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 17 K) SAMAR: (20)
- 18 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 19 ONE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 20 EIGHT SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 21 TEN ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 22 L) NORTHERN SAMAR; EASTERN SAMAR: (19)
- 23 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 24 ONE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 25 SEVEN SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 26 TEN ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 27 M) LA UNION: (18)
- 28 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR

- 1 ONE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 2 SEVEN SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 3 NINE ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 4 N) ILOCOS SUR: (17)
- 5 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 6 ONE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 7 SIX SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 8 NINE ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 9 O) BENGUET; MISAMIS ORIENTAL; NEGROS ORIENTAL: (16)
- 10 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 11 ONE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 12 SIX SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 13 EIGHT ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 14 P) NUEVA VIZCAYA; CAMARINES NORTE: (15)
- 15 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 16 ONE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 17 SIX SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 18 SEVEN ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 19 Q) ILOCOS NORTE; ANTIQUE; NORTH COTABATO;
- 20 LANA DEL SUR: (14)
- 21 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 22 ONE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 23 SIX SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 24 SIX ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 25 R) MASBATE; NEGROS OCCIDENTAL; ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR;
- 26 LANA DEL NORTE: (13)
- 27 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 28 ONE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR

- 1 FIVE SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 2 SIX ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 3 S) ABRA; SURIGAO DEL SUR; DAVAO ORIENTAL; SULU: (12)
- 4 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 5 ONE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 6 FIVE SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 7 FIVE ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 8 T) ZAMBALES; ORIENTAL MINDORO; ALBAY; SORSOGON; SOUTHERN
- 9 LEYTE; CAPIZ; ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE; TAWI-TAWI: (11)
- 10 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 11 ONE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 12 FOUR SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 13 FIVE ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 14 U) TARLAC; OCCIDENTAL MINDORO; PALAWAN; SURIGAO DEL NORTE:
- 15 (10)
- 16 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 17 ONE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 18 FOUR SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 19 FOUR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 20 V) BILIRAN; SULTAN KUDARAT: (9)
- 21 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 22 ONE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 23 THREE SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 24 FOUR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 25 W) IFUGAO; QUIRINO; BATAAN; ROMBLON; MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL;
- 26 AGUSAN DEL NORTE; CAMPOSTELA VALLEY: (8)
- 27 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 28 ONE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR



- 1 THREE SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 2 THREE ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 3 X) MT. PROVINCE; MARINDUQUE; CATANDUANES; BUKIDNON;
- 4 AGUSAN DEL SUR; SOUTH COTABATO; MAGUINDANAO: (7)
- 5 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 6 ONE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 7 TWO SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 8 THREE ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 9 Y) AURORA; DAVAO DEL SUR; SARANGANI: (6)
- 10 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 11 ONE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 12 TWO SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 13 TWO ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 14  ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY; DAVAO DEL NORTE: (5)
- 15 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 16 ONE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 17 ONE SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 18 TWO ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS
- 19 AA) BATANES; KALINGA; APAYAO; CAMIGUIN; BASILAN: (4)
- 20 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 21 ONE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 22 ONE SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 23 ONE ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 24 BB) GUIMARAS; SIQUIJOR; DINAGAT ISLAND; SHARIFF KABUNSUAN: (3)
- 25 ONE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 26 ONE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR
- 27 ONE ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR

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2 AFTER THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT, THERE SHALL BE AT EACH  
3 PROVINCE ONE DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR FOR EVERY  
4 THIRTY PROSECUTORS OR A FRACTION THEREOF.  
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6 SEC. 10. Section 13 of Presidential Decree No. 1275 is hereby amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 SEC. 13. Offices of the City [Fiscal] PROSECUTOR: [Their] Number OF  
9 PROSECUTORS in Each City. There shall be in each of the following cities  
10 the corresponding number of city [fiscals] PROSECUTOR AND HIS  
11 DEPUTIES, ASSOCIATES and [their] assistants:

12 [(A) Manila:

13 One City Fiscal

14 One First Assistant

15 Twenty-Four Second Assistants

16 Thirty Third Assistants

17 Thirty Fourth Assistants

18 Forty Assistants

19 (b) Quezon City:

20 One City Fiscal

21 One First Assistant

22 Twenty Two Second Assistants

23 Twenty Two Third Assistants

24 Twenty Two Fourth Assistants

25 Twenty Two Assistants

26 (c) Pasay City

27 One City Fiscal

28 One First Assistant

- 1           Six Second Assistants
- 2           Six Third Assistants
- 3           Eight Fourth Assistants
- 4           Eight Assistants
- 5       (d) Caloocan City
- 6           One City Fiscal
- 7           One First Assistant
- 8           Five Second Assistants
- 9           Six Third Assistants
- 10          Six Fourth Assistants
- 11          Six Assistants
- 12       (e) Dagupan:
- 13          One City Fiscal
- 14          One First Assistant
- 15          Four Second Assistants
- 16          Five Third Assistants
- 17          Five Fourth Assistants
- 18          Five Assistants
- 19       (f) City of Cebu:
- 20          One City Fiscal
- 21          One First Assistant
- 22          Four Second Assistants
- 23          Six Third Assistants
- 24          Six Fourth Assistants
- 25       (g) City of Davao:
- 26          One City Fiscal
- 27          One First Assistant
- 28          Three Second Assistants

- 1           Six Third Assistants
- 2           Six Fourth Assistants
- 3       (h) City of Iloilo:
- 4           One City Fiscal
- 5           One First Assistant
- 6           Three Second Assistants
- 7           Five Third Assistants
- 8           Five Fourth Assistants
- 9       (i) Olongapo:
- 10          One City Fiscal
- 11          One First Assistant
- 12          Three Second Assistants
- 13          Three Third Assistants
- 14          Six Fourth Assistants
- 15       (j) Bacolod; Baguio:
- 16          One City Fiscal
- 17          One First Assistant
- 18          Two Second Assistants
- 19          Two Third Assistants
- 20          Four Fourth Assistants
- 21       (k) Lucena:
- 22          One City Fiscal
- 23          One First Assistant
- 24          Two Second Assistants
- 25          Four Third Assistants
- 26       (l) San Pablo; Cabanatuan; Angeles; Legaspi; Cagayan de Oro:
- 27          One City Fiscal
- 28          One First Assistant

- 1 Two Second Assistants
- 2 Three Third Assistants
- 3 (m) Naga; Dumaguete; Tacloban; Tagbilaran:
- 4 One City Fiscal
- 5 One First Assistant
- 6 Two Second Assistants
- 7 Two Third Assistants
- 8 (n) Laoag; Cavite City; Batangas City; Roxas city; Dipolog; Zamboanga
- 9 City; Pagadian:
- 10 One City Fiscal
- 11 One First Assistant
- 12 Three Second Assistants
- 13 (o) Butuan; Surigao City; General Santos; Oroquieta; Ozamis:
- 14 One City Fiscal
- 15 One First Assistant
- 16 Two Second Assistants
- 17 (p) San Jose; Puerto Princesa; Lipa; Iriga; San Carlos (Neg. Occ.); Ormoc;
- 18 Mandaue; Iligan; Marawi; Cotabato City:
- 19 One City Fiscal
- 20 One First Assistant
- 21 One Second Assistant
- 22 (q) San Carlos (Pangasinan); Tagaytay; Trece Martires; Cadiz; Silay;
- 23 Calbayog; Danao; Lapu-Lapu; Toledo; Palayan; Bago; La Carlota; Bais;
- 24 Canlaon; Gingoog; Tangub; Dapitan:
- 25 One City Fiscal
- 26 One First Assistant]
- 27 A) MANILA: (178)
- 28 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR

- 1 FIVE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTORS
- 2 SEVENTY-FOUR ASSOCIATE CITY PROSECUTORS
- 3 NINETY-EIGHT SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 4 B) QUEZON CITY: (109)
- 5 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 6 THREE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTORS
- 7 FORTY-SIX ASSOCIATE CITY PROSECUTORS
- 8 FIFTY-NINE SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 9 C) MAKATI: (107)
- 10 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 11 THREE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTORS
- 12 FORTY-SIX ASSOCIATE CITY PROSECUTORS
- 13 FIFTY-SEVEN SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 14 D) CEBU: (40)
- 15 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 16 TWO DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTORS
- 17 SIXTEEN ASSOCIATE CITY PROSECUTORS
- 18 TWENTY SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 19 E) PASIG: (37)
- 20 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 21 TWO DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTORS
- 22 FIFTEEN ASSOCIATE CITY PROSECUTORS
- 23 NINETEEN SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 24 F) ILOILO: (36)
- 25 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 26 TWO DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTORS
- 27 FOURTEEN ASSOCIATE CITY PROSECUTORS

- 1 NINETEEN SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 2 G) CALOOCAN; PASAY: (31)
- 3 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 4 TWO DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTORS
- 5 TWELVE ASSOCIATE CITY PROSECUTORS
- 6 SIXTEEN SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 7 H) CAGAYAN DE ORO: (30)
- 8 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 9 TWO DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR
- 10 TWELVE ASSOCIATE CITY PROSECUTORS
- 11 FIFTEEN SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 12 I ) BACOLOD; DAVAO: (29)
- 13 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 14 ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR
- 15 TWELVE ASSOCIATE CITY PROSECUTORS
- 16 FIFTEEN SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 17 J) LAS PINAS: (21)
- 18 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 19 ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR
- 20 EIGHT ASSOCIATE CITY PROSECUTORS
- 21 ELEVEN SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 22 K) BAGUIO: (20)
- 23 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 24 ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR
- 25 EIGHT ASSOCIATE CITY PROSECUTORS
- 26 TEN SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 27 L) MARIKINA; PARANAQUE: (18)
- 28 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR

- 1 ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR
- 2 SEVEN ASSOCIATE CITY PROSECUTORS
- 3 NINE SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 4 M) MANDALUYONG; ZAMBOANGA: (16)
- 5 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 6 ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR
- 7 SIX ASSOCIATE CITY PROSECUTORS
- 8 EIGHT SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 9 N) MUNTINLUPA: (15)
- 10 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 11 ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR
- 12 SIX ASSOCIATE CITY PROSECUTORS
- 13 SEVEN SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 14 O) OLONGAPO; MALABON AND NAVOTAS; TAGUIG: (13)
- 15 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 16 ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR
- 17 FIVE ASSOCIATE CITY PROSECUTORS
- 18 SIX SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 19 P) ANTIPOLLO; SAN JUAN: (10)
- 20 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 21 ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR
- 22 FOUR ASSOCIATE CITY PROSECUTORS
- 23 FOUR SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 24 Q) VALENZUELA: (8)
- 25 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 26 ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR
- 27 THREE ASSOCIATE CITY PROSECUTORS



- 1           THREE SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 2           R) MALOLOS; SAN FERNANDO (PAMPANGA); DUMAGUETE: (20)
- 3           ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 4           ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR
- 5           EIGHT SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 6           TEN ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 7           S) CABANATUAN; NAGA: (19)
- 8           ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 9           ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR
- 10          SEVEN SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 11          TEN ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 12          T) BATANGAS; LUCENA: (18)
- 13          ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 14          ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR
- 15          SEVEN SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 16          NINE ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 17          U) ANGELES; LEGASPI; ILIGAN: (17)
- 18          ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 19          ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR
- 20          SEVEN SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 21          EIGHT ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 22          V) LAOAG; SAN FERNANDO (LA UNION); TUGUEGARAO; ROXAS;
- 23          TAGBILARAN; BUTUAN: (14)
- 24          ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 25          ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR
- 26          FIVE SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 27          SEVEN ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 28          W) DAGUPAN; CALAMBA; GENERAL SANTOS: (13)

- 1 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 2 ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR
- 3 FIVE SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 4 SIX ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 5 X) TACLOBAN; DIPOLOG: (12)
- 6 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 7 ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR
- 8 FOUR SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 9 SIX ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 10 Y) URDANETA; IRIGA; PUERTO PRINCESA: (11)
- 11 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 12 ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR
- 13 FOUR SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 14 FIVE ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 15 Z) PAGADIAN: (10)
- 16 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 17 ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR
- 18 FOUR SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 19 FOUR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 20 AA) SAN PABLO; TABACCO; MANDAUE; LAPU-LAPU: (9)
- 21 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 22 ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR
- 23 THREE SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 24 FOUR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS
- 25 BB) SANTIAGO; TARLAC; SORSOGON; OROQUIETA: (8)
- 26 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR
- 27 ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR
- 28 THREE SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS

1 THREE ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS

2 CC) VIGAN; GAPAN; BALANGA; LIPA; LIGAO; MASBATE; MARAWI;

3 TAGUM: (7)

4 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR

5 ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR

6 TWO SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS

7 THREE ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS

8 DD) CAVITE; SURIGAO: (6)

9 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR

10 ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR

11 TWO SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS

12 TWO ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS

13 EE) CAUAYAN; SAN CARLOS (PANGASINAN); ALAMINOS; TANAUAN;

14 CALAPAN; SAN CARLOS (NEGROS OCCIDENTAL); TOLEDO;

15 CALBAYOG; ORMOC; OZAMIS; MALAYBALAY; COTABATO;

16 GINGOOG; DIGOS; KORONADAL; KIDAPAWAN: (5)

17 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR

18 ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR

19 ONE SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTOR

20 TWO ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTORS

21 FF) BAIS: (4)

22 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR

23 ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR

24 ONE SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTOR

25 ONE ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTOR

26 GG) CANDON; PALAYAN; SCIENCE CITY OF MUNOZ; SAN JOSE; SAN

27 JOSE DEL MONTE; STA. ROSA; TAGAYTAY; TRECE MARTIREZ;

28 PASSI; BAGO; CADIZ; HIMAMAYLAN; KABANKALAN; LA CARLOTA;

1 SILAY; SIPALAY; DANAOG; TALISAY (CEBU); BAYAWAN; CANLAON;  
 2 TANJAY; MAASIN; DAPITAN; ISABELA; VALENCIA; TANGUB;  
 3 PANABO; ISLAND GARDEN CITY OF SAMAL; BISLIG; TACURONG: (3)

4 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR

5 ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR

6 ONE ASSISTANT CITY PROSECUTOR

7 HH) ESCALANTE; SAGAY; TALISAY (NEGROS OCCIDENTAL); VICTORIAS:

8 (2)

9 ONE CITY PROSECUTOR

10 ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR

11 AFTER THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT, THERE SHALL BE AT EACH  
 12 CITY ONE DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTOR FOR EVERY THIRTY  
 13 PROSECUTORS OR A FRACTION THEREOF.

14 SEC. 11. Section 14 of Presidential Decree No. 1275 is deleted and, in lieu thereof, a  
 15 new Section 14 is inserted to read as follows:

16 SEC. 14. [Offices of Provincial and City Fiscals: Salaries. The annual  
 17 salaries of Provincial and City Fiscals and their Assistants shall be as  
 18 approved by the President upon recommendation of the Commissioner of  
 19 the Budget and pursuant to P.D. No. 985.

20 The salaries of provincial and city fiscals and their assistants shall  
 21 be paid entirely out of national funds and included in the annual  
 22 appropriations of the Department of Justice. This is without prejudice to  
 23 the grant of allowances to the above-mentioned fiscals by their respective  
 24 local governments, in amounts not exceeding twenty-five percent (25%)  
 25 of their basic salaries.

26 The salaries of clerks, stenographers and other subordinate  
 27 employees in the offices of the provincial and city fiscals shall be paid by  
 28 the province or city where they are assigned.] REALIGNMENT OF

1 POSITION ITEMS. – UPON THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT, THE  
2 SECRETARY OF JUSTICE SHALL TRANSFER VACANT EXCESS POSITION  
3 ITEMS OF PROSECUTORS TO THE CITIES WITHIN THE PROVINCE OR TO  
4 THE PROVINCE OF WHICH THE CITIES USED TO BE MUNICIPALITIES OR  
5 TO OTHER CITIES WITHIN THE PROVINCE: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT  
6 IF THE POSITION ITEMS ARE OCCUPIED, THEY SHALL BE TRANSFERRED  
7 AS SOON AS THEY BECOME VACANT OR WHEN THE INCUMBENT  
8 PROSECUTORS CONSENT TO THEIR TRANSFER.

9 WHEN NEW CITIES ARE CREATED AND COURT BRANCHES SEATS  
10 ARE REALIGNED OR REDISTRIBUTED, THE SECRETARY OF JUSTICE  
11 SHALL CORRESPONDINGLY REALIGN POSITION ITEMS OF  
12 PROSECUTORS TO THE NEW CITIES FROM THE PROVINCES WHERE THE  
13 CITIES ARE LOCATED, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE PROVISIONS OF  
14 SECTION 9 HEREOF.

15 SEC. 12. Section 15 of Presidential Decree No. 1275 is hereby amended to read  
16 as follows:

17 SEC. 15. Special Counsels. – Whenever the exigencies of the service  
18 require the creation of positions of additional counsel to assist provincial  
19 and city [fiscals] PROSECUTORS in the discharge of their duties, positions  
20 of Special Counsels may be created by any province or city, subject to the  
21 approval of the Secretary of Justice, and with salaries chargeable against  
22 provincial or city funds. The Secretary of Justice shall appoint said Special  
23 Counsels, upon recommendation of the provincial or city [fiscal]  
24 PROSECUTOR and regional state prosecutors concerned, either on  
25 permanent or temporary basis.

26 Special Counsels shall be appointed from members of the bar and  
27 shall be allowed not more than the salary rate provided in this Decree for

1 the lowest rank or grade of assistant [fiscal] PROSECUTOR in the province  
2 or city where THEY ARE assigned.

3 SEC. 13. Section 16 of Presidential Decree No. 1275 is hereby deleted and, in lieu  
4 thereof, a new Section 16 is hereby inserted to read as follows:

5 SEC. 16. [Office, Space, Maintenance and Other Incidental Expenses.  
6 Pending the construction of regional government centers in each of the  
7 administrative regions as provided in the Integrated Reorganization plan,  
8 the Budget Commission and other departments or agencies concerned are  
9 hereby directed to provide the Department of Justice such technical  
10 assistance and establish suitable building sites and office spaces for the  
11 Regional State Prosecution Offices created herein. Rental costs and all  
12 other expenses incidental to the maintenance of the Regional State  
13 Prosecution Offices shall be paid out of national funds.

14 The provincial and city governments shall be responsible for  
15 providing adequate office spaces for the offices of their respective  
16 provincial or city fiscals and all expenses incidental to the maintenance of  
17 said offices, including rental payments, shall be paid by the province or  
18 city concerned.] AUTOMATIC INCREASE OF POSITIONS OF  
19 PROSECUTOR. – WHENEVER NEW COURTS OR BRANCHES THEREOF  
20 ARE CREATED AT A PROVINCE OR CITY, THERE SHALL BE AT SUCH  
21 PROVINCE OR CITY AUTOMATICALLY CREATED POSITIONS OF  
22 ASSOCIATE AND ASSISTANT PROSECUTORS IN SUCH NUMBER  
23 DETERMINED PURSUANT TO THE RATIO ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 9  
24 HEREOF: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE BRANCHES OF A  
25 REGIONAL TRIAL COURT SHALL BE SEATED AT A CITY OUTSIDE OF  
26 METROPOLITAN MANILA, THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS SHALL BE  
27 DISTRIBUTED BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE PROVINCE WHERE THE

1 CITY IS LOCATED ACCORDING TO THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION,  
2 COVERED BY SUCH BRANCH.

3 SEC. 14. Section 17 of Presidential Decree No. 1275 is hereby deleted and, in  
4 lieu thereof, a new Section 17 is hereby inserted to read as follows:

5 SEC. 17. [Transitory Provisions: Abolition of Existing Prosecution and  
6 Fiscals Offices and Positions. After the approval of this Decree, the  
7 President shall issue the necessary letter/s of implementation specifying  
8 the details of the reorganization provided herein.

9 All existing prosecution offices and positions in the Department of  
10 Justice and the Offices of the Provincial and City Fiscals throughout the  
11 country as well as all positions of district state prosecutors and special  
12 counsels shall cease to exist from the date specified in the letter of  
13 implementation issued by the President pursuant to the preceding  
14 paragraph. Their pertinent functions, applicable appropriations, records,  
15 equipment, property and such clerical and subordinate personnel as may  
16 be necessary shall be transferred to the appropriate staff or offices  
17 created above.] QUALIFICATIONS, RANK, SALARIES AND APPOINTMENT  
18 OF THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR. – THE CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR  
19 SHALL HAVE THE SAME QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT, RANK,  
20 CATEGORY, PREROGATIVES, SALARIES, ALLOWANCES, EMOLUMENTS  
21 AND OTHER PRIVILEGES, SUBJECT TO THE SAME INHIBITIONS AND  
22 DISQUALIFICATIONS, AND SHALL ENJOY THE SAME RETIREMENT AND  
23 OTHER BENEFITS AS THOSE PROVIDED UNDER EXISTING LAWS FOR  
24 THE PRESIDING JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, AND SHALL BE  
25 APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT.

26 SEC. 15. Section 18 of Presidential Decree No. 1275 is hereby deleted and, in lieu  
27 thereof, a new Section 18 is hereby inserted to read as follows:

1 SEC. 18. [Transitory Provisions: Incumbents; Vacation of Offices. The  
 2 provision of the second paragraph of the preceding section  
 3 notwithstanding, all officials in the prosecution service whose  
 4 appointments are by this Decree vested in the President shall continue in  
 5 office until, and shall vacate the same only upon, the appointment and  
 6 qualification of the officials to whom their powers, functions, and  
 7 responsibilities substantially pertain: Provided, however, That with  
 8 respect to the incumbent district state prosecutors, each of them shall  
 9 continue in office until the appointment and qualification of the Regional  
 10 State Prosecutor of the region to which his district pertains.

11 An incumbent who is appointed by the President to a similar or  
 12 equivalent position created in this Decree shall be allowed to receive  
 13 either the salary rate authorized for the position or his present salary  
 14 whichever is higher.] RANKS OF PROSECUTORS. – THE PROSECUTORS

15 IN THE NATIONAL PROSECUTION SERVICE SHALL HAVE THE  
 16 FOLLOWING RANKS:

RANK	POSITION TITLE
PROSECUTOR V	1. DEPUTY CHIEF STATE PROSECUTORS; 2. REGIONAL PROSECUTORS; AND 3. PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS OR CITY PROSECUTORS OF PROVINCES OR CITIES WITH AT LEAST THIRTY PROSECUTORS, AND CITY PROSECUTORS OF HIGHLY URBANIZED CITIES.
PROSECUTOR IV	1. DEPUTY REGIONAL PROSECUTORS; 2. SENIOR ASSOCIATE STATE PROSECUTORS; 3. PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS OR CITY PROSECUTORS OF PROVINCES OR CITIES



1 WITH LESS THAN THIRTY PROSECUTORS;

2 AND

- 3 4. DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS OR  
4 DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTORS OF  
5 PROVINCES OR CITIES WITH AT LEAST  
6 THIRTY PROSECUTORS, AND DEPUTY CITY  
7 PROSECUTORS OF HIGHLY URBANIZED  
8 CITIES.

9 PROSECUTOR III

- 10 1. ASSOCIATE STATE PROSECUTORS AND  
11 ASSOCIATE REGIONAL PROSECUTORS;  
12 2. DEPUTY PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS OR  
13 DEPUTY CITY PROSECUTORS  
14 OF PROVINCES OR CITIES WITH LESS  
15 THAN THIRTY PROSECUTORS; AND  
16 3. ASSOCIATE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS  
17 OR ASSOCIATE CITY PROSECUTORS OF  
18 PROVINCES OR CITIES WITH AT LEAST  
19 THIRTY PROSECUTORS, AND ASSOCIATE  
20 CITY PROSECUTORS OF HIGHLY  
21 URBANIZED CITIES.

22 PROSECUTOR II

- 23 1. SENIOR ASSISTANT STATE PROSECUTORS  
24 AND SENIOR ASSISTANT REGIONAL  
25 PROSECUTORS;  
26 2. ASSOCIATE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS  
27 OR ASSOCIATE CITY PROSECUTORS OF  
PROVINCES OR CITIES WITH LESS THAN  
THIRTY PROSECUTORS; AND



1 RANK OF PROSECUTOR V SHALL HAVE THE SAME QUALIFICATIONS FOR  
2 APPOINTMENT, RANK, CATEGORY, PREROGATIVES, SALARIES,  
3 ALLOWANCES, EMOLUMENTS AND OTHER PRIVILEGES, BE SUBJECT TO  
4 THE SAME INHIBITIONS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS, AND SHALL ENJOY  
5 THE SAME RETIREMENT AND OTHER BENEFITS AS THOSE PROVIDED  
6 UNDER EXISTING LAWS FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICES OF THE COURT  
7 APPEALS.

8 PROSECUTORS WITH THE RANK OF PROSECUTOR IV SHALL HAVE  
9 THE SAME QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT, RANK, CATEGORY,  
10 PREROGATIVES, SALARIES, ALLOWANCES, EMOLUMENTS AND OTHER  
11 PRIVILEGES, BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME INHIBITIONS AND  
12 DISQUALIFICATIONS, AND SHALL ENJOY THE SAME RETIREMENT AND  
13 OTHER BENEFITS AS THOSE PROVIDED UNDER EXISTING LAWS FOR  
14 JUDGES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT.

15 PROSECUTORS WITH THE RANK OF PROSECUTOR III SHALL HAVE  
16 THE SAME QUALIFICATIONS RANK, CATEGORY, PRIVILEGES, SALARIES,  
17 ALLOWANCES, EMOLUMENTS AND OTHER PRIVILEGES, BE SUBJECT TO  
18 THE SAME INHIBITIONS AND DISQUALIFICATIONS, AND SHALL ENJOY  
19 THE SAME RETIREMENT AND OTHER BENEFITS AS THOSE PROVIDED  
20 UNDER EXISTING LAWS FOR JUDGES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL  
21 COURT.

22 PROSECUTORS WITH THE RANK OF PROSECUTOR II SHALL HAVE  
23 THE SAME QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT, RANK, CATEGORY,  
24 PRIVILEGES, SALARIES, ALLOWANCES, EMOLUMENTS AND OTHER  
25 PRIVILEGES, BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME INHIBITIONS AND  
26 DISQUALIFICATIONS, AND SHALL ENJOY THE SAME RETIREMENT AND  
27 OTHER BENEFITS AS THOSE PROVIDED UNDER EXISTING LAWS FOR  
28 JUDGES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES.

1  
2 PROSECUTORS WITH THE RANK OF PROSECUTOR I SHALL HAVE  
3 THE SAME QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT, RANK, CATEGORY,  
4 PRIVILEGES, SALARIES, ALLOWANCES, EMOLUMENTS AND OTHER  
5 PRIVILEGES, BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME INHIBITIONS AND  
6 DISQUALIFICATIONS, AND SHALL ENJOY THE SAME RETIREMENT AND  
7 OTHER BENEFITS AS THOSE PROVIDED UNDER EXISTING LAWS FOR  
8 JUDGES OF THE MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT, AND SALARY ONE  
9 GRADE LOWER THAN THAT OF PROSECUTOR II.

10 THE SALARIES OF PROVINCIAL AND CITY PROSECUTORS AND  
11 THEIR ASSISTANTS SHALL BE PAID ENTIRELY OUT OF NATIONAL FUNDS  
12 AND INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS OF THE  
13 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. THIS IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE  
14 GRANT OF ALLOWANCES TO THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PROSECUTORS BY  
15 THEIR RESPECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, IN AMOUNTS NOT  
16 EXCEEDING FIFTY PERCENT (50%) OF THEIR BASIC SALARIES.

17 ALL PROSECUTORS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT  
18 UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECRETARY OF JUSTICE.

19 A PROSECUTOR ATTORNEY OR SPECIAL COUNSEL SHALL BE A  
20 MEMBER OF THE BAR IN GOOD STANDING AND SHALL HAVE A SALARY  
21 GRADE RANGING FROM GRADE 23 TO GRADE 25.

22 THE SALARY, ALLOWANCES AND OTHER EMOLUMENTS HEREIN  
23 FIXED SHALL NOT APPLY TO OFFICERS OTHER THAN THOSE OF  
24 PROSECUTORS IN THE NATIONAL PROSECUTION SERVICE,  
25 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISIONS OF LAW ASSIMILATING THE  
26 SALARIES OF OTHER OFFICERS TO THOSE HEREIN MENTIONED.

27 Sec. 17. New Sections 20, 21, 22 and 23 are hereby inserted to read as follows:

1 SEC. 20. CONTINUATION IN OFFICE OF PROSECUTORS. – UPON  
2 APPROVAL OF THIS ACT, THE INCUMBENT PROSECUTION OFFICERS,  
3 INCLUDING THE PROSECUTION ATTORNEYS IN THE PRESENT  
4 PROSECUTION STAFF, SHALL CONTINUE IN OFFICE TO  
5 DISCHARGE THEIR FUNCTIONS UNDER THIS ACT, AND THE POSITION  
6 TITLE ASSISTANT CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR IS RENAMED DEPUTY  
7 CHIEF STATE PROSECUTOR.

8 ALL PROSECUTORS WHO HAVE THE RANK OF PROSECUTOR III  
9 AND PROSECUTOR II IN THE EXISTING PROSECUTION STAFF SHALL  
10 BEAR THE NEW TITLES OF ASSOCIATE STATE PROSECUTORS AND  
11 SENIOR ASSISTANT STATE PROSECUTORS, RESPECTIVELY, UNDER THIS  
12 ACT.

13 THE PROVINCIAL OR CITY PROSECUTION OFFICE ESTABLISHED  
14 AT EACH OF THE PROVINCES OR CITIES PURSUANT LAW IS RETAINED  
15 AND RENAMED OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR OR OFFICE  
16 OF THE CITY PROSECUTOR, AS THE CASE MAY BE.

17 ALL REGIONAL PROSECUTORS, PROVINCIAL PROSECUTORS AND  
18 CITY PROSECUTORS AND THEIR ASSISTANTS SHALL CONTINUE IN  
19 OFFICE TO DISCHARGE THEIR FUNCTIONS UNDER THIS ACT.

20 ALL ASSISTANT PROSECUTORS WHO HAVE THE RANK OF  
21 PROSECUTOR III, PROSECUTOR II AND PROSECUTOR I OF EACH OF THE  
22 EXISTING REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL AND CITY PROSECUTION OFFICES  
23 SHALL BEAR THE TITLES PROVIDED IN SECTION 18  
24 HEREOF: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IN PROVINCES OR CITIES WITH  
25 AT LEAST THIRTY PROSECUTORS AND IN HIGHLY URBANIZED CITIES  
26 ALL ASSISTANT PROSECUTORS WITH THE RANK OF PROSECUTOR I  
27 BEFORE THE ENACTMENT OF THIS ACT SHALL BE UPGRADED TO

1 PROSECUTOR II UPON THE APPROVAL OF THIS ACT AND SHALL BEAR  
2 THE TITLE SENIOR ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL OR CITY PROSECUTOR.

3 SEC. 21. NO DEMOTION OR DIMINUTION OF SALARY. – NOTHING IN  
4 THIS ACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO DEMOTE A PROSECUTOR OR TO  
5 DIMINISH HIS SALARY. IN THE EVENT THAT ALL THE INCUMBENT  
6 PROSECUTORS ARE NOT ACCOMMODATED BY THE NUMBER OF  
7 POSITION ITEMS ALLOCATED, THE EXCESS INCUMBENTS SHALL  
8 CONTINUE IN THE SERVICE UNTIL THEY ARE ACCOMMODATED,  
9 TRANSFERRED OR SEPARATED.

10 SEC. 22. NO UNDERMINING OF SECURITY OF TENURE. – NOTHING IN  
11 THIS ACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO ALLOW THE TRANSFER, EXCEPT AS  
12 PROVIDED HEREIN OR IN CASES OF TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT, AS  
13 PUBLIC INTEREST MAY REQUIRE, OF ANY ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR TO  
14 ANY PLACE OR STATION OR TO UNDERMINE THE SECURITY OF TENURE  
15 OF INCUMBENT PROSECUTORS AS PROVIDED IN THE LAWS. SUCH  
16 TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT SHALL NOT EXCEED SIX MONTHS WITHOUT  
17 HIS OR HER WRITTEN CONSENT. NO PROVINCIAL PROSECUTOR OR  
18 CITY PROSECUTOR SHALL BE DETAILED OR ASSIGNED TO ANOTHER  
19 OFFICER OR STATION, EXCEPT IN A CONCURRENT CAPACITY AND WITH  
20 HIS OR HER WRITTEN CONSENT.

21 SEC. 23. SPECIAL ALLOWANCES. – THE SPECIAL ALLOWANCES  
22 GRANTED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL PROSECUTION SERVICE  
23 UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9279 SHALL CONTINUE TO BE GIVEN THEM  
24 SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS THEREOF.

25 Sec. 18. The succeeding sections shall be renumbered accordingly.

26 Sec. 19. Section 20 of Presidential Decree No. 1275 is hereby amended to read as  
27 follows:

1 SEC. [20.] 24. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated initially SUCH  
2 [the] sum [of THIRTY-ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS  
3 (P31,500,000)] AS MAY BE NECESSARY from the funds of the National  
4 Treasury not otherwise appropriated [for the organization and operational  
5 expenses of the National Prosecution Service for a period of one year from  
6 the issuance of this Decree. Henceforth the said amount shall be added  
7 to the annual budget of the Department of Justice] TO COVER THE  
8 ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUIRED HEREOF FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR  
9 FROM THE EFFECTIVITY OF THIS ACT. THEREAFTER, THE SAID  
10 AMOUNG SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL APPRPRIATION ACT.

11 Sec. 20. Section 23 of Presidential Decree No. 1275 is hereby amended to read as  
12 follows:

13 SEC. [14] 27. Effectivity. – [This Decreee shall take effect immediately]  
14 THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AFTER FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FOLLOWING  
15 ITS PUBLICATION IN AT LEAST TWO (2) NEWSPAPERS OF GENERAL  
16 CIRCULATION OR IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE.

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18 Approved