



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 19

BY REPRESENTATIVES CASTRO, DEFENSOR (M.), LAGMAN, GUNIGUNDO,
CHIONGBIAN, MARAÑON, DOMOGAN, ARNAIZ, COQUILLA, CHIPECO,
JALA AND AGYAO

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, PARAGRAPH (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,
3 is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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

5 "x x x

6 "(g) [Sixty-nine] SEVENTY Regional Trial Judges shall be
7 commissioned for the Sixth Judicial Region. There shall be:

8 "x x x

9 "[Eight] NINE branches with seats thereat for the Province
10 of Capiz and the City of Roxas, with seats at Roxas City,
11 DUMALAG and Mambusao;

1 "x x x."

2 SEC. 2. Section 30 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as
3 "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, is hereby further
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "SEC. 30. *Municipal Trial Courts.* – In each of the
6 municipalities that are not comprised within a metropolitan area
7 and a municipal circuit, there shall be a Municipal Trial Court
8 which shall have one branch, except as hereunder provided:

9 "x x x

10 "ONE BRANCH EACH FOR THE MUNICIPALITIES OF
11 TAPAZ, SAPIAN, CUARTERO AND SIGMA;

12 "x x x."

13 SEC. 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with
14 the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the
15 Court's program the operationalization of an additional branch of the Regional
16 Trial Court with station at the Municipality of Dumalag, and four additional
17 Municipal Trial Court branches for the Province of Capiz with stations at the
18 municipalities of Tapaz, Sapián, Cuartero and Sigma, the funding of which
19 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

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

Approved,