



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 1786

BY REPRESENTATIVES MANDANAS, DEFENSOR (M.), LAGMAN, CHIONGBIAN,
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AN ACT CREATING TWO ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND TWO ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF BATANGAS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (E) AND SECTION 29 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 1. Section 14, paragraph (e) 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 "(e) [Ninety-six] NINETY-EIGHT Regional Trial Judges shall be
7 commissioned for the Fourth Judicial Region. There shall be:

1 “[Nineteen] TWENTY-ONE branches with seats thereat for the
 2 Province of Batangas and the Cities of Lipa and Batangas, with seats at
 3 Batangas City, Lemery, Taal, Tanauan CITY, Balayan, Lipa City,
 4 Nasugbu, and Rosario;

5 “x x x.”

6 SEC. 2. Section 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as
 7 “The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980”, as amended, is hereby further
 8 amended to read as follows:

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

12 “x x x

13 “[Two] FOUR branches for Batangas City;

14 “x x x.”

15 SEC. 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with
 16 the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the
 17 Court’s program the operationalization of two additional Regional Trial Court
 18 branches, and two additional Municipal Trial Court branches in the Province
 19 of Batangas with stations at Batangas City, the funding of which shall be
 20 included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

24 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,