



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4351

BY REPRESENTATIVES AGYAO, DEFENSOR (M.), LAGMAN, GONZALES (N.),
GUNIGUNDO, CHIONGBIAN, MARAÑON, DOMOGAN, CASTRO, ARNAIZ,
COQUILLA, CHIPECO AND JALA, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 699

AN ACT CREATING ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL
TRIAL COURT AND THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN THE
PROVINCE OF KALINGA TO BE STATIONED IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF LUBUAGAN, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (B) AND SECTION 30 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 (b) 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 "(b) Thirty-[eight]NINE Regional Trial Judges shall be
6 commissioned for the Second Judicial Region. There shall be:

7 "x x x

1 “[Two]THREE branches with seats thereat for the
2 Provinces of Kalinga [-]AND Apayao, with seats at Tabuk,
3 LUBUAGAN and Luna;

4 “x x x.”

5 SEC. 2. Section 30 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, as amended, otherwise
6 known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980 is hereby further amended
7 to read as follows:

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

12 “x x x

13 “TWO BRANCHES FOR LUBUAGAN, KALINGA.”

14 SEC. 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in coordination with
15 the Secretary of the Department of Justice shall immediately include in the
16 Court’s program, the operationalization of an additional Regional Trial Court
17 and two (2) additional Municipal Trial Court branches for the Province of
18 Kalinga to be stationed at the Municipality of Lubuagan, the funding of which
19 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

20 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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