S. No. 1542 H. No. 8646

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Congress of the Philippines

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[REPUBLIC ACT No. 11455]

AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT, ONE EACH TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ISULAN AND TACURONG CITY, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (M) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE

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

SECTION 1. Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court are hereby created, one each to be stationed in the Municipality of Isulan and Tacurong City, in the Province of Sultan Kudarat in the Twelfth Judicial Region.

The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the newly created Regional Trial Court branches in the Twelfth Judicial Region.

SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the operationalization of the additional Regional Trial Court branches to be stationed in the Municipality of Isulan, and Tacurong City, Province of Sultan Kudarat. The funds necessary for the operation of the courts herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the courts and the appointment of its personnel.

SEC. 3. Section 14(m) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

GLORIA MAZAPAGAL ARROYO

Speaker of the House of Representatives

VICENTE C. SOTTO II

President of the Senate

This Act was passed by the Senate of the Philippines as Senate Bill No. 1542 on May 27, 2019 and adopted by the House of Representatives as an amendment to House Bill No. 8646 on June 3, 2019.

DANTE ROBERTO P. MALING Acting Secretary General House of Representatives

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Secretary of the Senate

Approved: AUG 3 0 2019

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President of the Philippines

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