



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5885

BY REPRESENTATIVES SALIMBANGON, DEFENSOR (M.) CUA (J.), GONZALES (N.), DE GUZMAN, AGBAYANI, VELARDE AND ROMULO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1746

AN ACT CREATING ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES FOR THE PROVINCE OF CEBU TO BE STATIONED AT BOGO CITY AND BANTAYAN ISLAND, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(H) 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 (h) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129,
2 otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act 1980", as amended, is
3 hereby further amended to read as follows:

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

5 "x x x"

6 "(h) [Sixty-six] SIXTY-EIGHT Regional Trial Judges shall be
7 commissioned for the Seventh Judicial Region. There shall be:

8 "x x x"

1 “[Thirty-seven] **THIRTY-NINE** branches with seats thereat for
 2 the Province of Cebu and the Cities of Cebu, Danao, Talisay, Lapu-
 3 Lapu, Mandaue and Toledo, with seats at Cebu City, Danao City,
 4 Talisay City, Argao, Lapu-Lapu City, Mandaue City, Toledo City,
 5 Barili, Bogo **CITY, BANTAYAN ISLAND,** and Oslob.

6 “x x x.”

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

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

14 “x x x

15 “**TWO BRANCHES FOR BOGO CITY;**

16 “x x x.”

17 SEC. 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the
 18 Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court’s
 19 program the operationalization of one branch each of the Regional Trial Court
 20 and the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in Bogo City, and a branch of the
 21 Regional Trial Court in the Bantayan Island, Province of Cebu, the funding of
 22 which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

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

Approved,