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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## H. No. 8646

BY REPRESENTATIVES MANGUDADATU (S.), LEACHON, ZAMORA (M.C.), VELOSO, SY-ALVARADO, DEL MAR, LOBREGAT, NUÑEZ-MALANYAON, VILLAFUERTE, ANTONINO, SAMBAR AND CAMINERO, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 952

AN ACT CREATING NINE (9) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF TACURONG AND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ISULAN, PROVINCE OF SULTAN KUDARAT, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(M) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED

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

- SECTION 1. Nine (9) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court are hereby created in the Twelfth Judicial Region, to be stationed in the Province of Sultan Kudarat as follows:
  - (a) Four (4) additional branches to be stationed in the City of Tacurong; and
- 6 (b) Five (5) additional branches to be stationed in the 7 Municipality of Isulan.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches of the Regional Trial Court.

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 branches of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed in the City of Tacurong and in the Municipality of Isulan, Province of Sultan Kudarat, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations that are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,