



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4327

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BY REPRESENTATIVES ABAYON, DATUMANONG AND ANDAYA, PER  
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 778

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AN ACT CREATING ONE ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
BRANCH FOR THE PROVINCE OF NORTHERN SAMAR, WITH  
STATION AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN ISIDRO, AMENDING  
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (i) OF BATAS  
PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED,  
AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 14, Paragraph (i) 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           "x x x

1           “(i) [Forty-two] **FORTY-THREE** Regional Trial Court Judges

2           shall be commissioned for the Eighth Judicial Region. There shall

3           be:

4           “x x x

5           **[Six] SEVEN** branches with seats thereat for the Province of

6           Northern Samar, with seats at Catarman, Laoang, Allen, SAN

7           **ISIDRO** and Gamay;

8           “x x x.”

9           SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the additional branch of the  
10          Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of San Isidro, Province of Northern  
11          Samar, in accordance with this Act.

12          SEC. 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with  
13          the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the  
14          court’s program the operationalization of one additional Regional Trial Court  
15          branch in the Province of Northern Samar, with station at the Municipality of  
16          San Isidro, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General  
17          Appropriations Act.

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

          Approved,