



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 1308

BY REPRESENTATIVES CABILAO, DATUMANONG AND ANDAYA

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF IMELDA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (J) 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 (j) of Batas Pambansa Bilang Isang
2 Daan at Dalawampu't Siyam, otherwise known as the "Judiciary
3 Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, is hereby further amended to read
4 as follows:

5 "SEC. 14. *Regional Trial Courts.* -

6 "x x x

1 “(j) Thirty-ONE Regional Trial Judges shall be
2 commissioned for the Ninth Judicial Region. There shall be:

3 “x x x

4 “~~[Fifteen]~~ **FOURTEEN** branches with seats thereat for the
5 Province of Zamboanga del Sur and the Cities of Pagadian and
6 Zamboanga, with seats at Zamboanga City, Pagadian City, Molave,
7 San Miguel[, Ipil,] and Aurora.

8 “**TWO BRANCHES WITH SEATS THEREAT FOR THE**
9 **PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY WITH SEATS AT IPIL AND**
10 **IMELDA.”**

11 SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall immediately assign the necessary
12 personnel for the additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the
13 Municipality of Imelda, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay, in accordance with
14 this Act.

15 SEC. 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in coordination with
16 the Secretary of the Department of Justice shall immediately include in the
17 court’s program the operationalization of one additional Regional Trial Court
18 Branch in the Province of Zamboanga Sibugay, with station at the Municipality
19 of Imelda, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
20 Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,

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