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Congress of the Philippines
Metro Manila
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Third Regular Session

Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-third day of July, two thousand twelve.

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10253]

AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN TO BE STATIONED AT PUERTO PRINCESA CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE 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:

SECTION 1. Two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the Fourth Judicial Region are hereby created for the Province of Palawan to be stationed at Puerto Princesa City.

The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the newly-created branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the Fourth 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 two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in

Cities in the Province of Palawan to be stationed at Puerto Princesa City, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The funds necessary for the operation of the Court(s) herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the Court(s) and the appointment of its personnel.

SEC. 3. Section 29 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1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.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,

[Handwritten signatures of Juan Ponce Enrile and Feliciano Belmonte Jr.]

JUAN PONCE ENRILE
President of the Senate

FELICIANO BELMONTE JR.
Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on August 28, 2012 and July 24, 2012, respectively.

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EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate

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MARILYN B. BARUA-YAP
Secretary General House of Representatives

Approved: NOV 08 2012

[Handwritten signature of Benigno S. Aquino III]



BENIGNO S. AQUINO III
President of the Philippines

