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

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[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10546 ]

AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF COTABATO, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATA 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. One (1) additional Regional Trial Court branch for Cotabato City, Maguindanao, with seat thereat, is hereby created in the Twelfth Judicial Region:


SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number for the newly created branch.

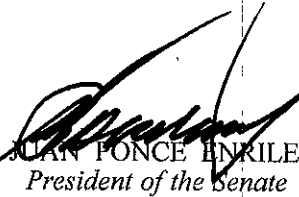
SEC. 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The funds necessary for the operation of the Court herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the Court and the appointment of its personnel.

SEC. 4. Section 14(m) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, as well as other provisions that may be inconsistent herewith, are hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further amended.

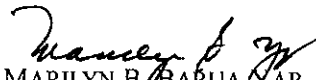
SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

  
FELICIANO BELMONTE JR.  
*Speaker of the House  
of Representatives*

  
JUAN PONCE ENRILE  
*President of the Senate*


This Act which is a consolidation of Senate Bill No. 3019 and House Bill No. 5910 was finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on October 15, 2012 and February 6, 2013, respectively.

  
MARILYN B. BARUA, AP  
*Secretary General  
House of Representatives*

  
EDWIN B. BELLEN  
*Acting Senate Secretary*

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Approved:

  
BENIGNO S. AQUINO III  
*President of the Philippines*



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