



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 652

BY REPRESENTATIVES OAMINAL, UMALI, NOGRALES (K.A.), VELOSO
AND MACEDA

AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN OZAMIZ CITY, CONVERTING THE MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT COVERING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CLARIN AND TUDELA INTO THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT OF CLARIN, AND CREATING A NEW MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT COVERING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SINACABAN AND TUDELA, ALL IN THE SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980"

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

1 SECTION 1. There shall be created an additional Regional
2 Trial Court (RTC) branch in Ozamiz City, and a Municipal Circuit
3 Trial Court (MCTC) comprising the municipalities of Sinacaban and
4 Tudela, all in the Second Legislative District of the Province of
5 Misamis Occidental.

6 The existing Municipal Circuit Trial Court (MCTC)
7 comprising the municipalities of Clarin and Tudela, both in the

1 Second Legislative District of the Province of Misamis Occidental,
2 shall be converted into the Municipal Trial Court (MTC) of Clarin.

3 The existing Fourth Municipal Circuit Trial Court (MCTC)
4 comprising the municipalities of Jimenez and Sinacaban shall be
5 reorganized, where the Municipality of Sinacaban shall no longer be
6 circuitized with the Municipality of Jimenez, located in the First
7 Legislative District of the Province of Misamis Occidental. The
8 Municipality of Sinacaban together with the Municipality of Tudela
9 shall now comprise the Fourth Municipal Circuit Trial Court, with
10 seat at Sinacaban.

11 SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in
12 coordination with the Secretary of Justice, shall immediately
13 include in its program the operationalization of the additional
14 Regional Trial Court, the Municipal Trial Court, and the Municipal
15 Circuit Trial Court in the Second Legislative District of the Province
16 of Misamis Occidental, the funding of which shall be included in the
17 annual General Appropriations Act.

18 SEC. 3. All pending cases within the jurisdiction of the
19 municipalities of Sinacaban and Tudela shall be transferred to the
20 newly created Fourth Municipal Circuit Trial Court and, with
21 respect to the Municipality of Jimenez, to the Third Municipal
22 Circuit Trial Court, and shall be tried and decided therein.

23 SEC. 4. This Act amends Section 14(k) and Section 29 of
24 Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, as amended. All laws, decrees, orders,
25 rules and regulations, other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent
26 with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed and modified
27 accordingly.

28 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
29 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
30 circulation.

Approved,