



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 8662

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AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF MAASIN AND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOGOD, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(I) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED

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

1           SECTION 1. Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial  
2 Court in the Eighth Judicial Region are hereby created and  
3 stationed in the City of Maasin and in the Municipality of Sogod,  
4 Province of Southern Leyte.

5           The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch  
6 numbers for the newly created branches of the Regional Trial Court.

1           SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in  
2 coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall  
3 immediately include in the Court's program the operationalization  
4 of the two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court to be  
5 stationed in the City of Maasin and in the Municipality of Sogod,  
6 Province of Southern Leyte, the funding of which shall be included  
7 in the annual General Appropriations Act.

8           SEC. 3. Section 14(i) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise  
9 known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended,  
10 and all other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent  
11 with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

12           SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
13 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general  
14 circulation.

Approved,

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