



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5135

BY REPRESENTATIVES VILLAFUERTE, DATUMANONG AND ANDAYA, PER
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1420

AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
BRANCH IN THE CAPITAL TOWN OF PILI, PROVINCE OF
CAMARINES SUR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION
14, PARAGRAPH (F) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, AS
AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7154, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS THE "JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 14, paragraph (f) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129,
2 otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, as amended, is
3 hereby further amended to read as follows:

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

5 "x x x

6 "(f) [Sixty-five] **SIXTY-SIX** Regional Trial Court

7 Judges shall be commissioned for the Fifth Judicial Region.

8 There shall be:

1 "x x x

2 "[Twenty-seven] TWENTY-EIGHT branches with seats
3 thereat for the Province of Camarines Sur and the Cities of Naga
4 and Iriga, with seats at Naga City, Libmanan, Tigaon, San Jose,
5 Pili, Iriga City, Buhi, Nabua, Sipocot, Ragay, and Calabanga;

6 "x x x."

7 SEC. 2. The jurisdiction over cases cognizable by the Regional Trial
8 Court under existing law, emanating from the municipalities of Pili, Bula and
9 Ocampo in the Province of Camarines Sur shall be lodged in the Regional
10 Trial Court branch created under this Act.

11 SEC. 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with
12 the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the
13 Court's program the operationalization of an additional Regional Trial Court
14 branch for the Province of Camarines Sur to be stationed at the capital town of
15 Pili, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
16 Appropriations Act.

17 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,