



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5494

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BY REPRESENTATIVES WACNANG, DATUMANONG AND SALCEDA, PER  
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1686

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AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
BRANCH AND TWO ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT  
BRANCHES IN THE PROVINCE OF KALINGA TO BE  
STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TABUK, AMENDING  
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (B) AND  
SECTION 30 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:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 14, paragraph (b) 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                   (b) [Thirty-eight] **THIRTY-NINE** Regional Trial Judges  
6 shall be commissioned for the Second Judicial Region. There  
7 shall be:

1           x   x   x

2           Two branches with seats thereat for the Province of  
3           [Kalinga-Apayao] KALINGA, with [seat] SEATS at Tabuk [and  
4           Luna];

5                   **ONE BRANCH FOR THE PROVINCE OF APAYAO, WITH**  
6           **SEAT AT LUNA, APAYAO;**

7           x   x   x.”

8           SEC. 2. Section 30 of Batas Pambansa Blg. Isangdaan at Dalawampu't  
9           Siyam, as amended, otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of  
10          1980 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11                   “SEC. 30. *Municipal Trial Courts.* – In each of the  
12                   municipalities that are not comprised within a metropolitan area  
13                   and a municipal circuit there shall be a Municipal Trial Court  
14                   which shall have one branch, except as hereunder provided:

15           x   x   x

16                   **THREE BRANCHES FOR TABUK, KALINGA.”**

17           SEC. 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in coordination with  
18           the Secretary of the Department of Justice shall immediately include in the  
19           court's program the operationalization of an additional Regional Trial Court  
20           and two additional municipal trial court branches for the Province of Kalinga  
21           to be stationed at the Municipality of Tabuk, the funding of which shall be  
22           included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

1           SEC. 4. The Supreme Court shall issue the necessary rules and  
2 regulations for the effective implementation of this Act and if warranted, the  
3 realignment of the seats of existing branches and their territorial jurisdictions.

4           SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,

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