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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 7022

(In substitution of House Bill No. 3124)

Introduced by Representatives Jose "Ping-Ping" I. Tejada, Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso
III and Eric Go Yap

AN ACT

**CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF MLANG, PROVINCE OF COTABATO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(M) 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 Court in the Twelfth
2 Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the Municipality of Mlang, Province
3 of Cotabato.
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5 The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created
6 branches of the Regional Trial Court.
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8 **SEC. 2.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary
9 of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the
10 operationalization of the two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the
11 Municipality of Mlang, Province of Cotabato. The funds necessary for the operation of the
12 courts herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual
13 organization of the courts and the appointment of its personnel.
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15 **SEC. 3.** Section 14(m) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The
16 Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and
17 regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or
18 modified accordingly.
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20 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
21 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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23 Approved,