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AN ACT

CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IBAJAY, AND CONVERTING THE EXISTING MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT FOR THE IBAJAY-NABAS CIRCUIT INTO THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT FOR NABAS, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF AKLAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 30 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, AS AMENDED, 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:

SECTION 1. Two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in the Sixth Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the Municipality of Ibajay, Province of Aklan. The existing Municipal Circuit Trial Court for the Ibajay-Nabas circuit is hereby converted into the Municipal Trial Court for the Municipality of Nabas, Province of Aklan.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the abovementioned branches of the Municipal Trial Courts.

SEC. 2. Upon the actual operationalization of the newly-created Municipal Trial Courts in Ibajay, all cases filed and pending before the former Municipal Circuit Trial Court of Ibajay-Nabas shall be transferred and distributed to the respective Municipal Trial Courts in Ibajay or to the converted Municipal Trial Court in Nabas.

6 **SEC. 3.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary 7 of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the 8 operationalization of the additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in the 9 Municipality of Ibajay, Province of Aklan. The funds necessary for the operation of the 10 courts herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual 11 organization of the courts and the appointment of its personnel.

SEC. 4. Section 30 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,