HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5659

BY REPRESENTATIVES ALVAREZ (P.), DUJALI, GONZAGA, VELOSO, UNGAB, RODRIGUEZ, BAINTO-AGUINALDO, FLORES, SUAREZ (A.), UY (J.), PACQUIAO (R.), BROSAS, GATCHALIAN, CALDERON, ZARATE, CULLMAT, BELMONTE, CASTRO (F.L.), ABUEG-ZALDIVAR, DELOSO-MONTALLA, RAMIREZ-SATO, ELAGO, LAGMAN, VARGAS, HERNANDEZ, JALOSJOS, ZUBIRI, TY (D.), PLAZA, SACDALAN, ACOSTA, BARBA, GULLAS, SANCHEZ, BALINDONG, ORTEGA, DAGOC, GUAY, BORDADO, QUIMBO, AMATONG, ALMARIO AND ERIGUEL, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 103

AN ACT CREATING TEN (10) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(l) 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:

SECTION 1. Ten (10) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Eleventh Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed as follows:

(a) Six (6) branches in the Municipality of Nabunturan, Province of Compostela Valley;
(b) One (1) branch in the Municipality of Compostela, Province of Compostela Valley;
(c) One (1) branch in the Municipality of Mabini, Province of Compostela Valley;
(d) One (1) branch in the Island Garden City of Samal, Province of Davao del Norte; and
(e) One (1) branch in the City of Panabo, Province of Davao del Norte.

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

SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court’s program the operationalization of the ten (10) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Eleventh Judicial Region, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Section 14(l) 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1980”, as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.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. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.