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PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 237

AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL
BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN
THE NINTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN
THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTIONS 14(J) AND 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSANG
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. Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial
Court are hereby created in the Ninth Judicial Region, with one (1)
branch each to be stationed in the City of Dipolog and in the
Municipality of Sindangan, Province of Zamboanga del Norte.
Five (5) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in
Cities are likewise created in the Ninth Judicial Region, all to be
stationed in the City of Dipolog, Province of Zamboanga del Norte.
The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch
numbers for the newly created branches of the Regional Trial Court
and Municipal Trial Court in Cities.

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 two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and
five (5) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in
the Province of Zamboanga del Norte. The funds necessary for the
operation of the courts herein created shall be appropriated and
released only upon the actual organization of the courts and the
appointment of its personnel.

SEC. 3. Sections 14(j) and 29 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inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified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.