

Republic of the Philippines  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS  
First Regular Session

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17 regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or  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.

19       **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official  
20 Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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22 Approved,