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**AN ACT**

**CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF PAGADIAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14(J) AND 29 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:*

1       **SECTION 1.** Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and two (2) additional  
2 branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the Ninth Judicial Region are hereby created  
3 and stationed in the City of Pagadian, Province of Zamboanga del Sur.  
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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 and Municipal Trial Court in Cities.  
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8       **SEC. 2.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the  
9 Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the operationalization  
10 of the additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the  
11 City of Pagadian, Province of Zamboanga del Sur. The funds necessary for the operation of the  
12 courts herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of  
13 the courts and the appointment of its personnel.  
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15       **SEC. 3.** Sections 14 (j) and 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, as amended, otherwise known

1 as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and  
2 regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified  
3 accordingly.  
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5 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*  
6 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.  
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8 Approved,