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[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 12121]

AN ACT CREATING ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF SAN JUAN, CONVERTING FOUR (4) BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN PASIG CITY INTO FOUR (4) BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE CITY OF SAN JUAN, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14(E) AND 27 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. Four (4) branches of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) for the City of Pasig and located in the City of San Juan, namely Branches 68, 160, 162 and 264, are hereby converted into branches of the RTC for the City of San Juan.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers of the newly converted branches of the RTC under this section, if necessary.

SEC. 2. In addition to the newly converted branches of the RTC for the City of San Juan under the preceding section, two (2) additional branches of the RTC and two (2) additional branches of the Metropolitan Trial Court (MeTC) in the National Capital Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the City of San Juan. The Supreme Court shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act and, if warranted, the realignment of seats of existing branches and their territorial jurisdiction.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches of the RTC and MeTC in the City of San Juan.

SEC. 3. An Office of the Clerk of Court (OCC) shall be created and organized with the corresponding *plantilla* based on the number of branches in the said station.

SEC. 4. The jurisdiction over cases emanating from the City of San Juan, cognizable by the proper courts under existing law, shall be lodged in the branches of the RTC or MeTC created under this Act, and in such other branches that may be subsequently created, organized and stationed in the City of San Juan.

The territorial jurisdiction for the RTC and the MeTC in the City of Pasig is hereby modified to exclude the City of San Juan.

SEC. 5. 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 newly created and converted branches of the RTC and MeTC in the City of San Juan.

SEC. 6. The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act, including appropriations for personnel services such as salaries, benefits, and emoluments for judges and court personnel, court

operations under maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE), and provisions for Halls of Justice or courtrooms to accommodate judges and court staff, as well as funds necessary for the implementation of automatically created prosecutor positions pursuant to Section 13 of Republic Act No. 10071 or the "Prosecution Service Act of 2010" and appointment of public attorneys pursuant to Section 7 of Republic Act No. 9406 or the Act reorganizing and strengthening the Public Attorney's Office (PAO), resulting from the creation of these courts, including appropriations for personnel services such as salaries, benefits, and emoluments for prosecutors and public attorneys, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

The funds necessary for the operation of the courts herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the court and the appointment of its personnel.

SEC. 7. The RTC of San Juan City will have seven (7) branches. The staffing pattern of each branch shall be as follows:

No. of Positions	Position Title	Salary Grade
1	Regional Trial Court Judge	29
1	Clerk of Court V	24
1	Court Legal Researcher II	15
1	Interpreter III	12
4	Court Stenographer III	12
1	Sheriff IV	12
2	Clerk III	6
1	Process Server	5
1	Utility Worker I	1
13	Personnel	

The staff complement of the OCC shall be composed of twenty-four (24) personnel, unless the same is modified as may be determined by the Supreme Court.

SEC. 8. The MeTC in the City of San Juan shall have four (4) branches. The staffing pattern of each branch shall be as follows:

No. of Positions	Positions	Salary Grade
1	Metropolitan Trial Court Judge	28
1	Clerk of Court III	22
1	Court Legal Researcher I	12
3	Interpreter II	10
1	Court Stenographer II	10
2	Sheriff III	10
1	Clerk III	6
1	Process Server	5
1	Utility Worker I	1
12	Personnel	

The staff complement of the OCC shall be composed of twenty-three (23) personnel, unless the same is modified as may be determined by the Supreme Court.

In addition, there shall be appointed the corresponding number of prosecutor/s and public attorney/s and their support staff based on the ratio outlined in Republic Act No. 10071 and Republic Act No. 9406, respectively.

SEC. 9. Section 14(d) and Section 28 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. 10. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.


Approved,


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President of the Senate


FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ
Speaker of the House
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This Act, which originated in the House of Representatives, was passed by the House of Representatives on August 9, 2023, amended by the Senate of the Philippines on May 13, 2024, and which amendments were concurred in by the House of Representatives on July 30, 2024.


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