

Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines
Metro Manila
Twelfth Congress
Third Regular Session

Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-eighth day of July, two thousand three.

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9309]

AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE CITY OF TAGBILARAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION TWENTY-NINE OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG ISANG DAAN DALAWAMPUT SIYAM (BP 129), OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 29 of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 29. *Municipal Trial Courts in Cities.* - In every city which does not form part of a metropolitan area, there shall be a Municipal Trial Court with one branch, except as hereunder provided:

"Two branches for Laoag City;

"Four branches for Baguio City;

"Three branches for Dagupan City;


"Five branches for Olongapo City;

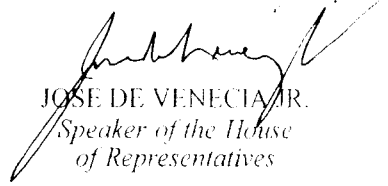
- "Three branches for Cabanatuan City;
- "Two branches for San Jose City;
- "Three branches for Angeles City;
- "Two branches for Cavite City;
- "Two branches for Batangas City;
- "Two branches for Lucena City;
- "Three branches for Naga City;
- "Two branches for Iriga City;
- "Three branches for Legaspi City;
- "Two branches for Roxas City;
- "Four branches for Iloilo City;
- "Seven branches for Bacolod City;
- "Two branches for Dumaguete City;
- "Two branches for Tacloban City;
- "Eight branches for Cebu City;
- "Three branches for Mandaue City;
- "Four branches for Tagbilaran City;
- "Two branches for Surigao City;
- "Two branches for Butuan City;
- "Five branches for Cagayan de Oro City;
- "Seven branches for Davao City;
- "Three branches for General Santos City;
- "Two branches for Oroquieta City;
- "Three branches for Ozamis City;
- "Two branches for Dipolog City;
- "Four branches for Zamboanga City;
- "Two branches for Pagadian City; and
- "Two branches for Iligan City."

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 two (2) additional municipal trial court branches in cities in the City of Tagbilaran, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

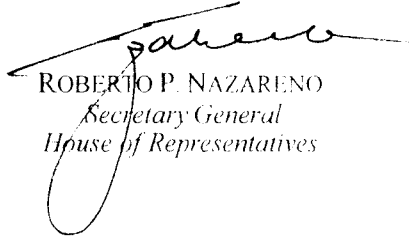
Approved,


FRANKLIN M. DRILON
President of the Senate

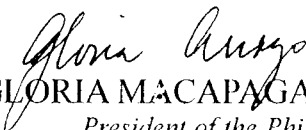

JOSE DE VENECIA JR.
*Speaker of the House
of Representatives*

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on March 11, 2003 and June 10, 2004, respectively.


OSCAR G. YABES
Secretary of the Senate


ROBERTO P. NAZARENO
*Secretary General
House of Representatives*

Approved: **AUG 04 2004**


GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President of the Philippines

