



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 10073

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**AN ACT  
CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF KIDAPAWAN, PROVINCE OF COTABATO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14 (M) 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.** One (1) additional branch of the Regional Trial Court and one (1)  
2 additional branch of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the Twelfth Judicial Region are  
3 hereby created and stationed in the City of Kidapawan, Province of Cotabato.

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5       The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly  
6 created branches of the Regional Trial Court and the Municipal Trial Court in Cities.

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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 additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and the  
11 Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the City of Kidapawan, Province of Cotabato. The

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

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5 **SEC. 3.** Sections 14 (m) and 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, as amended,  
6 otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", and all other laws,  
7 rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended,  
8 repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,