

# [ **PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1860, January 14, 1983** ]

## **AMENDING THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 1606 AND BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129 RELATIVE TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE SANDIGANBAYAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Batas Pambansa Blg. 129 has simplified the rules on Jurisdiction by, among others, abolishing the concurrent jurisdiction of the Sandiganbayan and the regular courts;

**WHEREAS**, Batas Pambansa Blg. 129 expanded the exclusive original jurisdiction of the Sandiganbayan over the offenses enumerated in Section 4 of Presidential Decree No. 1606, to embrace all such offenses irrespective of the imposable penalty;

**WHEREAS**, there has been a proliferation and marked increase in the filing of cases before the Sandiganbayan where the offense charged is punishable by a penalty not higher than prision correccional or its equivalent;

**WHEREAS**, unless otherwise authorized by its Presiding Justice, the Sandiganbayan holds its sessions at its principal office in Metro Manila, so that public officials accused of offenses punishable by a penalty not higher than prision correccional or its equivalent and their witnesses, have undergo the inconvenience of and incur unnecessary expenses in attending hearings before the Sandiganbayan:

**WHEREAS**, considering that cases where the offense charged is punishable by a penalty not exceeding prision correccional or its equivalent are not of a serious nature, it would be more expeditious and less cumbersome for the parties and witnesses if the cases are tried by the proper Regional Trial Court, Metropolitan Trial Court, Municipal Trial Court or Municipal Circuit Trial Court; the Revised Penal Code, whether simple or complexed

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND E. MARCOS**, President of the Philippines, by virtue of powers vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby order and decree as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Section 1 of Presidential Decree No. 1606 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**"SEC. 4. Jurisdiction.** — The Sandiganbayan shall have the jurisdiction over:

"(a) Violations of Republic Act No. 3019, as amended, otherwise known as the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act, and Republic Act No. 1379;

"(b) Crimes committed by public officers and employees, including those employed in government-owned or controlled corporations, embraced in Title VII of the Revised Penal Code, whether simple or complexed with other crimes; and

"(c) Other crimes or offenses committed by public officers or employees, including those employed in government-owned or controlled corporations, in relation to their office.