

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10371, February 28, 2013 ]**

**AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF SIPALAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (G) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. One (1) additional Regional Trial Court branch is hereby created in the Sixth Judicial Region with seat at Sipalay City, Province of Negros Occidental.

The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the newly-created branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Sixth Judicial Region.

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 one (1) additional branch of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed in the City of Sipalay, Province of Negros Occidental, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The funds necessary for the operation of the Court herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the Court and the appointment of its personnel.

SEC. 3. Section 14(g) 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1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.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. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

(Sgd.) **JUAN PONCE  
ENRILE**  
*President of the Senate*

(Sgd.) **FELICIANO  
BELMONTE 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 December 17, 2012 and November 5, 2012, respectively.