

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10340, November 21, 2012 ]**

**AN ACT CREATING FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF BOGO, PROVINCE OF CEBU, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (H) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, AS AMENDED, 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. There is hereby created five (5) additional Regional Trial Court branches in the Seventh Judicial Region with seats at the City of Bogu, Province of Cebu.

The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the newly-created branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Seventh 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 five (5) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Province of Cebu to be stationed at the City of Bogu, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The funds necessary for the operation of the Court(s) herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the Court(s) and the appointment of its personnel.

SEC. 3. Section 14(h) 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1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.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 September 17, 2012 and August 6, 2012, respectively.

**(Sgd.) EMMA LIRIO-REYES**

**(Sgd.) MARILYN B.**