

[**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9309, August 02, 2004**]

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 DALAWAMPU'T 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 to 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;