

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6371, August 16, 1971]

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS THIRTY-EIGHT-B AND THIRTY-NINE OF THE REVISED CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MANILA, AS AMENDED, PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF BRANCHES OF THE CITY COURT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section thirty-eight-B of Republic Act Numbered Four hundred and nine, otherwise known as the Charter of the City of Manila, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new paragraph to read as follows:

"The city fiscal may assign such number of assistant fiscals as he may deem necessary or advisable to hold office in the different congressional districts of the city for the purpose of conducting investigations and performing other official duties therein."

SEC. 2. The first paragraph of Section thirty-nine of Republic Act Numbered Four hundred nine, otherwise known as the Revised Charter of the City of Manila, as amended by Republic Act Numbered Twenty-six hundred Twenty-two, is further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 39. *The City Court.* There shall be a city court the City of Manila, for which seventeen judges shall appointed. An executive judge shall be chosen from among them, in such manner and at such time as the Secretary of Justice may determine. Two judges shall be designated by the Secretary of Justice to hold court in the District of Tondo, two in the District of Santa Cruz, two in the District of Sampaloc, and two in the District of Paco, to hear cases of offense committed in the first, second, third and fourth congressional districts, respective judges by the executive judge. Two judges shall be designated by the Secretary of Justice to try traffic cases exclusively, such judges so designated shall hold session in such manner that there shall be one judge on duty from eight o'clock in the morning until midnight. With regard to ordinary traffic violation not involving accident, damage to property and and/or physical injuries and wherein the accused desires to enter a plea of guilty, imposition of the fine may be made by such deputy clerks receiving the fines shall be guided by a schedule of fines to be prepared by the Court."

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, August 16, 1971.
