

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 3749, June 22, 1963]

**AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN SECTIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT
NUMBERED TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-SIX, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY ACT OF 1948," AS AMENDED.**

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

SECTION 1. The seventh, twelfth and fifteenth paragraphs of Section forty-nine of Republic Act Numbered Two hundred and ninety-six, as amended, are hereby further amended to read as follows:

"The Seventh Judicial District, of the Province of Rizal, Quezon City, Pasay City and Caloocan City, the Province of Cavite, City of Cavite, the City of Tagaytay, Trece Martires City and the Province of Palawan;

"The Twelfth Judicial District, of the Province of Occidental Negros, the Cities of Bacolod, Silay and San Carlos, the Province of Oriental Negros, Dumaguete City, and the Subprovince of Siquijor;

"The Fifteenth Judicial District, of the Provinces of Surigao del Norte, Surigao del Sur and Agusan, Butuan City, the Province of Oriental Misamis, Cagayan de Oro City, the Provinces of Bukidnon, Lanao del Norte and Lanao del Sur, and the Cities of Iligan and Marawi; and"

SEC. 2. The first, second, fourth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth paragraphs of Section fifty of the same Act, as amended, are hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Ten Judges shall be commissioned for the First Judicial District. Four judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Cagayan, Batanes and Subprovince of Apayao in the Mountain Province shall be known as judges of the first, second, third and fourth branches thereof, respectively, the judge of the first branch to preside also over the Court of First Instance of the Subprovince of Apayao and the Judge of the second branch to preside also over the Court of First Instance of Batanes; four judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Isabela, and shall be known as the judges of the first, second, third and fourth branches thereof; and two judges shall preside over the Court First Instance of Nueva Vizcaya, to be known as the judges of the first and

second branches thereof.

"Seventeen judges shall be commissioned for the Second Judicial District. Four judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Ilocos Norte; four judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Ilocos Sur; one judge shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Abra; two judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of the City of Baguio and the Subprovince of Benguet; three judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Mountain Province with jurisdiction covering the whole of Mountain Province, except the City of Baguio and the Subprovince of Benguet; three judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of La Union and shall be known as judges of the first, second and third branches thereof, respectively.

"Nine judges shall be commissioned for the Fourth Judicial District. Six judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Nueva Ecija and Cabanatuan City and shall be known as judges of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth branches thereof, respectively; and three judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Tarlac, and shall be known as judges of the first, second and third branches thereof, respectively.

"Twenty-five judges shall be commissioned for Sixth Judicial District. They shall preside over Court of First Instance of Manila and shall be known as judges of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-second, twenty-third, twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth branches thereof, respectively.

"Eighteen judges shall be commissioned for the Seventh Judicial District. Twelve judges shall preside over the courts of First Instance of the Province of Rizal, Quezon City Pasay City and Caloocan City and shall be known as judges of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth branches thereof, respectively: four judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of the Province of Cavite and the Cities of Cavite, Tagaytay and Trece Martires, and shall be known as judges of the first, second, third and fourth branches thereof, respectively; and two judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Palawan.

"Nine judges shall be commissioned for the Eighth Judicial District. Four judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Laguna and the City of San Pablo, and shall be known as judges of the first, second, third and fourth branches thereof, respectively; three judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Batangas and the City of Lipa, and shall be known as judges of the first, second and third branches thereof, respectively; one judge shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Mindoro Oriental; and one judge shall reside over the Court of First Instance of Mindoro Occidental: *Provided*, That the incumbent judge of the Courts First Instance of Mindoro Oriental and Mindoro Occidental shall be given the privilege of selecting which court of first instance of said

provinces he prefers to preside over.

"Six judges shall be commissioned for the Ninth Judicial District. Four judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Quezon, and shall be known of the first, second, third and fourth branches thereof, respectively; one judge shall preside over the Court of First Instance of the Subprovince of Aurora; one judge shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Camarines Norte.

"Thirteen judges shall be commissioned for the Tenth Judicial District. Five judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Camarines Sur and Naga City and shall be known as judges of the first, second third, fourth and fifth branches thereof, respectively; three judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Albay and shall be known as judges of the first, second and third branches thereof; one judge shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Catanduanes; two judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of the Province of Sorsogon; and two judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Masbate.

"Fifteen judges shall be commissioned for the Eleventh Judicial District. Three judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Capiz and Roxas City and shall be known as judges of the first, second and third branches thereof, respectively; one judge shall preside over the Court of First Instance of the Province of Romblon; one judge shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Marinduque; two judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Aklan; seven judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of the Province of Iloilo and the City of Iloilo and shall be known as judges of the first second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh branches thereof, respectively; and one judge shall preside over the Court of First Instance of the Province of Antique.

"Ten judges shall be commissioned for the Twelfth Judicial District. Seven judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Occidental Negros and the Cities of Bacolod, Silay and San Carlos and shall be known as judges of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh branches thereof, respectively; and three judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Oriental Negros, Dumaguete City, and the Subprovince of Siquijor.

"Seventeen judges shall be commissioned for the Thirteenth Judicial District. Eight judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Samar and Calbayog City and shall be known as the judges of the first, second, third, fourth fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth branches thereof, respectively; and nine judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Leyte, Southern Leyte and the Cities of Ormoc and Tacloban, and shall be known as judges of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth branches thereof, respectively.

"Fourteen judges shall be commissioned for the Fourteenth Judicial District. Eleven judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of the Province of Cebu, the City of Cebu and Toledo City, and shall be known as judges of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh,

eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh branches thereof, respectively; and three judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Bohol.

"Thirteen judges shall be commissioned for the Fifteenth Judicial District. Three judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Surigao del Norte; one judge shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Surigao del Sur; two judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Agusan and Butuan City and shall be known as judges of the first and second branches thereof, respectively; four judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Oriental Misamis, Cagayan de Oro City and B, and shall be known as judges of the first, second, and fourth branches thereof, respectively; and three shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of del Norte, Lanao del Sur and the Cities of Marawi and Iligan, and shall be known as judges of the first and second branches thereof.

"Eighteen judges shall be commissioned for the Sixteenth Judicial District. Four judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of the Province of Davao and Davao City to be known as judges of the first, second, third and fourth branches thereof; four judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Cotabato, to be known as judges of the first, second, third and fourth branches thereof; three judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Occidental Misamis and Ozamis City to be known as judges of the first, second and third branches thereof; two judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Zamboanga del Norte to be known as judges of the first and second branches thereof; one judge shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Zamboanga del Sur; one judge shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Zamboanga City; one judge shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Basilan City; and two judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Sulu, to be known as judges of the first and second branches thereof."

SEC. 3. The first, second, third, fourth, fifth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth paragraphs of Section fifty-two of the same Act, as amended, are hereby further amended to read as follows:

"For the first Judicial District, the judge of the first branch of the Court of First Instance of Cagayan and Batanes and the Subprovince of Apayao in the Mountain Province shall be stationed in the Municipality of Tuguegarao, Province of Cagayan; the judge of the second branch, in the Municipality of Aparri, same province; the judge of the third branch, in the Municipality of Sanchez Mira, same province; and the judge of the fourth branch, in the Municipality of Tuao, same province; one judge shall be stationed in the Municipality of Ilagan, Province of Isabela; one judge shall be stationed in the Municipality of Cabagan, same province; one judge shall be stationed at Cauayan, same province; the judge of the fourth branch shall be stationed in the Municipality of Roxas, same province; and two judges, in the Municipality of Bayombong Province of Nueva Vizcaya.