

[**REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11383, August 22, 2019**]

AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF STO. TOMAS AND AGONCILLO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Province of Batangas to be stationed in the municipalities of Sto. Tomas and Agoncillo are hereby created in the Fourth Judicial Region.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created Regional Trial Court branches in the Fourth 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 Court's program the operationalization of one (1) additional Regional Trial Court branch to be stationed in the Municipality of Sto. Tomas and one (1) additional Regional Trial Court branch to be stationed in the Municipality of Agoncillo. The funds necessary for the operation of the courts 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(e) 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1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.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 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

(SGD.) **VICENTE C. SOTTO III**
President of the Senate

(SGD.) **GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**
Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was passed by the House of Representatives on August 23, 2017, as amended by the Senate of the Philippines on May 27, 2019 and which amendments were concurred in by the House of