

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10702, November 20, 2015 ]**

**AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF MEYCAUAYAN, SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN, IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL REGION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (C) 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. An additional branch of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed in the City of Meycauayan, situated in the Province of Bulacan, is hereby created in the Third Judicial Region.

SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the newly created Regional Trial Court branch in the Third Judicial Region which shall have jurisdiction over cases coming from the Fourth District of Bulacan and such cities or municipalities of the said province as the Supreme Court may deem necessary.

SEC. 3. 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 the Regional Trial Court branch to be stationed in the City of Meycauayan, Province of Bulacan, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act. The funds necessary for the operation of the court herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the court and the appointment of its personnel.

SEC. 4. Section 14(c) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, executive orders, and rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

(SGD.) FRANKLIN M. DRILON  
*President of the Senate*

(SGD.) FELICIANO BELMONTE JR.  
*Speaker of the House of Representative*

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was passed by the House of Representatives on June 9, 2014, amended by the Senate on July 28, 2015, and which amendments were concurred in by the House of Representatives on September 21, 2015.