## [ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10370, February 28, 2013 ]

## AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURT COMPRISING THE MUNICIPALITIES OF BUENAVISTA AND SAN LORENZO IN THE PROVINCE OF GUIMARAS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. The municipalities of Buenavista and San Lorenzo are hereby separated from the territorial jurisdiction of the First Municipal Circuit Trial Court of Jordan – Buenavista – Nueva Valencia – Sibunag – San Lorenzo in the Province of Guimaras and a separate Municipal Circuit Trial Court for the municipalities of Buenavista and San Lorenzo, designated as the Second Municipal Circuit Trial Court shall be established therein.

SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the operationalization of the additional municipal circuit trial court for the Province of Guimaras, 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. 3. All pending cases falling within the jurisdiction of the municipalities of Buenavista and San Lorenzo shall be transferred to the created Second Municipal Circuit Trial Court and shall be tried and decided therein.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,

(Sgd.) **JUAN PONCE ENRILE**
*President of the Senate*

(Sgd.) **FELICIANO BELMONTE JR.**
*Speaker of the House of Representatives*

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on December 18, 2012 and November 5, 2012, respectively.

(Sgd.) **EMMA LIRIO-REYES**
*Secretary of the Senate*

(Sgd.) **MARILYN B. BARUA-YAP**
*Secretary General House of Representatives*

Approved: **FEB 28 2013**