

[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10578, May 24, 2013]

AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES AND SEVEN (7) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF LAPU-LAPU, PROVINCE OF CEBU, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE 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 Municipal Trial Court in Cities branches and seven (7) additional Regional Trial Court branches for Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu in the Seventh Judicial Region, with seats thereat, are hereby created.

SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches.

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 implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The funds necessary for the operation of the Courts herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the Courts and the appointment of its personnel.

SEC. 4. Sections 14(h) and 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, as well as other provisions that may be inconsistent herewith, are hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further amended.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

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

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

This Act which is a consolidation of Senate Bill No. 3035 and House Bill No. 5744 was finally passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on October 15,