

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6092, August 04, 1969 ]**

**AN ACT FURTHER AMENDING SECTIONS FORTY-NINE, FIFTY AND FIFTY-TWO OF THE JUDICIARY ACT OF 1948, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING ADDITIONAL COURTS OF FIRST INSTANCE.**

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

SECTION 1. Sections forty-nine, fifty and fifty-two of Republic Act Numbered Two hundred and ninety-six, as amended, known as the Judiciary Act of 1948, are hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 49. *Judicial Districts.*—Judicial districts for Courts of First Instance in the Philippines are constituted as follows:

"The First Judicial District shall consist of the Provinces of Cagayan, Batanes, Isabela, and Nueva Vizcaya, and the Subprovince of Quirino;

"The Second Judicial District of Laoag City, the Provinces of Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, Abra, City of Baguio, Mountain Province, Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga-Apayao, and La Union;

"The Third Judicial District of the Province of Pangasinan and Zambales, and the Cities of Dagupan, San Carlos and Olongapo;

"The Fourth Judicial District of the Provinces of Nueva Ecija and Tarlac, and the Cities of Cabanatuan and Palayan;

"The Fifth Judicial District of the Provinces of Pampanga, Bataan and Bulacan, and Angeles City;

"The Sixth Judicial District of the City of Manila;

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

"The Eighth Judicial District of the Province of Laguna, the City of San Pablo, the Province of Batangas, the City of Lipa, and the Provinces of Oriental Mindoro and Occidental Mindoro;

"The Ninth Judicial District of the Province of Quezon, Lucena City, and the Subprovince of Aurora;

"The Tenth Judicial District of the Provinces of Camarines Sur, Camarines Norte, Naga City, Iriga City, the Provinces of Albay, Catanduanes, Sorsogon and Masbate, and Legazpi City;

"The Eleventh Judicial District of the Province of Capiz, Roxas City, the Provinces of Aklan, Romblon, Marinduque and Iloilo, the City of Iloilo, and the Province of Antique;

"The Twelfth Judicial District of the Province of Occidental Negros, the Cities of Bacolod, Silay, San Carlos, Bago, La Carlota and Cadiz, the Province of Oriental Negros, the Cities of Dumaguete, Bais and Canlaon, and the Subprovince of Siquijor;

"The Thirteenth Judicial District of the Provinces of Northern Samar, Eastern Samar, and Western Samar, the City of Calbayog, the Provinces of Leyte and Southern Leyte and the Cities of Ormoc and Tacloban;

"The Fourteenth Judicial District of the Province of Cebu, the Cities of Cebu, Lapulapu, Danao, and Toledo, the Province of Bohol, and Tagbilaran City;

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

"The Sixteenth Judicial District of the Provinces of Davao del Sur, Davao Oriental and Davao del Norte, the City of Davao, the Provinces of Cotabato, South Cotabato, the Cities of Cotabato and General Santos, the Province of Occidental Misamis, the Cities of Ozamis and Tangub, the Province of Zamboanga del Norte and the City of Dapitan and the Municipality of Dipolog and the Province of Zamboanga del Sur, the Cities of Zamboanga, Basilan and Pagadian, and the Province of Sulu.

"SEC 50. *Judges of the First Instance of Judicial Districts.*—Fourteen judges shall be commissioned for the First Judicial District. Five judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Cagayan and Batanes and shall be known as the judges of the first, second, third, fourth and fifth branches thereof, respectively, the judge of the second branch to preside also over the Court of First Instance of Batanes; five judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Isabela, and shall be known as the judges of the first, second, third, fourth and fifth branches thereof; and three judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Nueva Vizcaya to be known as judges of the first, second and third branches thereof; one judge for the Subprovince of Quirino.

"Twenty-seven judges shall be commissioned for the Second Judicial District. Six judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Ilocos Norte and Laoag City, and shall be known as judges of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth branches thereof; six judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Ilocos Sur, and shall be known as judges of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth branches thereof; two judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Abra, and shall be known as judges of the first and second branches thereof; four judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of the City of Baguio and the Province of Benguet to be known as the judges of the first, second, third and fourth branches

thereof; four judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Mountain Province, Ifugao and Kalinga-Apayao to be known as judges of the first, second, third and fourth branches thereof; five judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of La Union and shall be known as the judges of the first, second, third, fourth and fifth branches thereof, respectively.

"Seventeen judges shall be commissioned for the Third Judicial District. Fourteen judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Pangasinan, and the Cities of Dagupan and San Carlos, and shall be known as the judges of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth branches thereof, respectively; three judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Zambales and Olongapo City, and shall be known as judges of the first, second and third branches thereof, respectively.

"Eleven judges shall be commissioned for the Fourth Judicial District, Seven judges shall preside over the Courts of First instance of Nueva Ecija and the Cities of Cabanatuan, and Palayan and shall be known as judges of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh branches thereof, respectively; and four judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Tarlac and shall be known as judges of the first, second, third and fourth branches thereof, respectively.

"Seventeen judges shall be commissioned for the Fifth Judicial District. Seven judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Pampanga and the City of Angeles and shall be known as judges of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh branches thereof, respectively; two judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Bataan; and eight judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Bulacan and shall be known as judges of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth branches thereof, respectively.

"Forty judges shall be commissioned for the Sixth Judicial District. They shall preside over the 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, twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth, thirtieth, thirty-first, thirty-second, thirty-third, thirty-fourth, thirty-fifth, thirty-sixth, thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth, thirty-ninth, and fortieth branches thereof, respectively.

"Forty-five judges shall be commissioned for the Seventh Judicial District. Thirty-six 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, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, seventeenth, eighteenth, nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-second, twenty-third, twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh, twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth, thirtieth, thirty-first, thirty-second, thirty-third, thirty-fourth, thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth branches thereof, respectively; five 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, fourth and fifth branches thereof, respectively; and four judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Palawan.

"Seventeen judges shall be commissioned for the Eighth Judicial District. Six 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, fourth, fifth and sixth branches thereof, respectively; seven 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, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh branches thereof, respectively; two judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Mindoro Oriental and shall be known as judges of the first and second branches thereof, respectively; and two judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Mindoro Occidental and shall be known as judges of the first and second branches thereof, respectively.

"Eleven judges shall be commissioned for the Ninth Judicial District. Ten judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Quezon, and shall be known as judges of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth branches thereof, respectively; one judge shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Aurora.

"Twenty-four judges shall be commissioned for the Tenth Judicial District. Seven judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Camarines Sur and the Cities of Naga and Iriga and shall be known as judges of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh branches thereof, respectively; three judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Camarines Norte and shall be known as judges of the first, second and third branches thereof, respectively; six judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Albay and Legazpi City and shall be known as judges of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth branches thereof; two judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Catanduanes and shall be known as judges of the first and second branches thereof; three judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of the Province of Sorsogon, and shall be known as judges of the first, second and third branches thereof, respectively; and three judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of Masbate, and shall be known as judges of the first, second and third branches thereof, respectively.

"Eighteen judges shall be commissioned for the Eleventh Judicial District. Four judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Capiz and Roxas City and shall be known as judges of the first, second, third and fourth 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; three 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 two judges shall preside over the Court of First Instance of the Province of Antique, and shall be known as judges of the first and second branches thereof, respectively.

"Fifteen judges shall be commissioned for the Twelfth Judicial District. Ten judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Occidental Negros and the Cities of Bacolod, Silay, San Carlos, La Carlota, Bago and Cadiz and shall be known as judges of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth branches thereof, respectively; and five judges shall preside over the Courts of First Instance of Oriental Negros and the Cities of Dumaguete and Canlaon, and the Subprovince of Siquijor, and shall be known as judges of the first, second, third, fourth and fifth branches thereof, respectively.