

**Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City**

**FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session**

HOUSE BILL NO. 2536

**INTRODUCED BY HONORABLE IMELDA QUIBRANZA-DIMAPORO
AND FATIMA ALIAH Q. DIMAPORO**

**AN ACT
CREATING ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH IN THE
PROVINCE OF LANAOS DEL NORTE TO BE STATIONED IN BACOLOD,
LANAOS DEL NORTE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION (14),
PARAGRAPH (G) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE "JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS
AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create additional Regional Trial Court branch in the Province of Lanaos del Norte to be stationed in Bacolod, Lanaos del Norte.

With the passage of Republic Act 9974 entitled, "An Act Providing for the Reapportionment of Legislative Districts in the Province of Lanaos del Norte", and Republic Act 9724 entitled, "An Act Separating the City of Iligan from the First Legislative District of the Province of Lanaos del Norte to Constitute the Lone Legislative District of the City of Iligan, only two (2) regional trial court branches hear and dispose all of the cases of a more than five hundred thousand population in the province.

For the speedier administration of justice and for an easier access to our judicial courts, the immediate passage of this bill is highly recommended.


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SECTION 1. Section 14, paragraph (g) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 14. *Regional Trial Courts.* -

"x x x

[Eight] NINE branches (Branches I to VII, **XXI and XXVII**) for the province of Lanao del Norte and the city of Iligan, Branches I to VI with seats at Iligan City, and Branch VII, XXI, **AND XXVII AT BACOLOD;**

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ONE BRANCH IN BACOLOD, LANA DEL NORTE

SECTION 2. 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 a Regional Trial Court branch for the Province of Lanao del Norte to be stationed at Bacolod, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.