

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

**SIXTEENTH CONGRESS**  
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**HOUSE BILL NO. 1310**



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*Introduced by Honorable Imelda Quibranza-Dimaporo*

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

With the passage of Republic Act 9974 entitled, "An Act Providing for the Reapportionment of Legislative Districts in the Province of Lanao del Norte", and Republic Act 9724 entitled, "An Act Separating the City of Iligan from the First Legislative District of the Province of Lanao del Norte to Constitute the Lone Legislative District of the City of Iligan, only two (2) regional trial court branches were left to hear and dispose of all the cases filed in the province of Lanao del Norte whose population exceeds five hundred thousand. This predicament is causing undue delays in the disposition of cases and badly hampers the administration of justice in the province.

To ensure access to our judicial courts and the speedier dispensation of justice in our part of the country, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought and recommended.

  
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**AN ACT**

**CREATING AN ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH IN THE PROVINCE OF LANA DEL NORTE TO BE STATIONED IN BACOLOD, LANA 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**

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

**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;**

**x x x**

**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.*