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[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 12243]

AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF MATI, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(L) AND SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED

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

SECTION 1. Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the Eleventh Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the City of Mati, Province of Davao Oriental.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches of the Regional Trial Court and Municipal Trial Court in Cities.

SEC. 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 the additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the City of Mati, Province of Davao Oriental. The Supreme Court shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Act and, if warranted, the realignment of seats of existing branches and their territorial jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act, including appropriations for personnel services such as salaries, benefits, and emoluments for judges and court personnel, court operations under maintenance and other operating expenses (MOOE), and provisions for Halls of Justice or courtrooms to accommodate judges and court staff, as well as funds necessary for the implementation of automatically created prosecutor positions pursuant to Section 13 of Republic Act No. 10071 or the "Prosecution Service Act of 2010" and appointment of public attorneys pursuant to Section 7 of Republic Act No. 9406 or the Act reorganizing and strengthening the Public Attorney's Office (PAO), resulting from the creation of these courts, including appropriations for personnel services such as salaries, benefits, and emoluments for prosecutors and public attorneys, shall 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 court and the appointment of its personnel.

SEC. 4. In view of the proposed additional branches of the Regional Trial Court, the Regional Trial Court in the City of Mati, Davao Oriental, shall have a staffing pattern as follows:

No. of Positions	Position Title	Salary Grade
1	Regional Trial Court Judge	29
1	Clerk of Court V	24
1	Court Legal Researcher II	15
1	Interpreter III	12
4	Court Stenographer III	12
1	Sheriff IV	12
2	Clerk III	6
1	Process Server	5
1	Utility Worker I	1
13	Personnel	

The staff complement of the new Office of the Clerk of Court (OCC) shall have a staffing pattern as follows, unless modified as determined by the Supreme Court:

No. of Positions	Position Title	Salary Grade
1	Clerk of Court VI	25
1	Clerk of Court V	24
1	Social Welfare Officer II	15
2	Sheriff IV	12
1	Data Entry Machine Operator II	8
1	Process Server	5
1	Utility Worker I	1
1	Clerk IV	8
1	Clerk III	6
1	Librarian I	11
1	Clerk III	6
1	Utility Worker I	1
13	Personnel	

In addition, there shall be appointed the corresponding number of prosecutor/s and public attorney/s and their support staff based on the ratio outlined in Republic Act No. 10071 and Republic Act No. 9406, respectively.

SEC. 5. In view of the proposed additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities, the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the City of Mati, Davao Oriental, shall have a staffing pattern as follows:

No. of Positions	Position Title	Salary Grade
1	City Trial Court Judge	28
1	Clerk of Court III	22
1	Court Legal Researcher I	12
1	Interpreter II	10
3	Court Stenographer II	10
1	Sheriff III	10
1	Clerk IV	8
1	Clerk III	6
1	Process Server	5
1	Utility Worker I	1
12	Personnel	

The staff complement of the new OCC shall have a staffing pattern as follows, unless modified as determined by the Supreme Court:

No. of Positions	Position Title	Salary Grade
1	Clerk of Court VI	23
1	Sheriff III	10
2	Process Server	5
1	Utility Worker I	1
1	Records Officer I	10
1	Clerk IV	8
1	Clerk III	6
1	Utility Worker I	1
1	Cashier I	10
1	Cash Clerk II	6
11	Personnel	

In addition, there shall be appointed the corresponding number of prosecutor/s and public attorney/s and their support staff based on the ratio outlined in Republic Act No. 10071 and Republic Act No. 9406, respectively.

SEC. 6. Section 14(l) and Section 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules, and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,



FRANCIS "CHIZ" G. ESCUDERO
President of the Senate




FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ
Speaker of the House
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This Act, which originated in the House of Representatives, was passed by the House of Representatives on November 29, 2023, amended by the Senate of the Philippines on February 3, 2025, and which amendments were concurred in by the House of Representatives on June 9, 2025.



RENATO N. BANTUG JR.
Secretary of the Senate



REGINALD S. VELASCO
Secretary General
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Approved: AUG 29 2025



FERDINAND ROMUALDEZ MARCOS JR.
President of the Philippines

