

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN, AND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE OF THE REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AS AMENDED BY ACT ...

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Legislature assembled and by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1. Section one hundred and fifty-three of the Revised Administrative Code, as amended by section twenty of Act Numbered Forty hundred and seven, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 153. Judicial districts.—Judicial districts for courts of first instance in the Philippine Islands are constituted as follows:

"The First Judicial District shall consist of the Province of Cagayan and the Province of Batanes.

"The Second Judicial District, of the Province of Isabela and the Province of Nueva Vizcaya.

"The Third Judicial District, of the Province of Ilocos Norte, the Province of Abra and the Province of Ilocos Sur.

"The Fourth Judicial District, of the Province of La Union and the Mountain Province.

"The Fifth Judicial District, of the Province of Pangasinan and the Province of Zambales.

"The Sixth Judicial District, of the Province of Tarlac and the Province of Nueva Ecija.

"The Seventh Judicial District, of the Province of Pampanga and the Province of Bulacan.

"The Eighth Judicial District, of the Province of Cavite.

"The Ninth Judicial District, of the City of Manila.

"The Tenth Judicial District, of the Province of Rizal and the Province of Bataan.

"The Eleventh Judicial District, of the Province of Laguna.

"The Twelfth Judicial District, of the Province of Batangas and the Province of Mindoro.

"The Thirteenth Judicial District, of the Province of Tayabas and the Province of Marinduque.

"The Fourteenth Judicial District, of the Province of Camarines Norte and the Province of Camarines Sur.

"The Fifteenth Judicial District, of the Province of Albay, the Province of Sorsogon, the Province of Masbate, and the Subprovince of Catanduanes.

"The Sixteenth Judicial District, of the Province of Capiz and the Province of Romblon.

"The Seventeenth Judicial District, of the Province of Iloilo.

"The Eighteenth Judicial District, of the Province of Occidental Negros.

"The Nineteenth Judicial District, of the Province of Oriental Negros and the Subprovince of Siquijor.

"The Twentieth Judicial District, of the Province of Samar.

"The Twenty-first Judicial District, of the Province of Leyte.

"The Twenty-second Judicial District, of the Province of Cebu.

"The Twenty-third Judicial District, of the Province of Bohol and the Province of Occidental Misamis.

"The Twenty-fourth Judicial District, of the Province of Agusan, the Province of Surigao, the Province of Oriental Misamis, the Province of Bukidnon and the Province of Lanao.

"The Twenty-fifth Judicial District, of the Province of Zamboanga and the Province of Sulu.

"The Twenty-sixth Judicial District, of the Province of Davao and the Province of Cotabato.

"The Twenty-seventh Judicial District, of the Province of Antique and the Province of Palawan."

SEC. 2. Section one hundred and fifty-six of the Revised Administrative Code, as amended by section twenty-three of Act Numbered Forty hundred and seven, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 156. Permanent stations of judges.—The permanent station of judges of the Ninth Judicial District shall be in the City of Manila. In districts comprising only one province, the permanent official station of the judge shall be at the capital of the province.

"In other judicial districts, the permanent stations of the judges shall be as follows:

"For the First District, in the municipality of Tuguegarao, Province of Cagayan.

"For the Second District, in the municipality of Ilagan, Province of Isabela.

"For the Third District, one judge shall be stationed in the municipality of Vigan, Province of Ilocos Sur, and the other in the municipality of Laoag, Province of Ilocos Norte.

"For the Fourth District, in the municipality of San Fernando, Province of La Union.

"For the Fifth District, in the municipality of Lingayen, Province of Pangasinan.

"For the Sixth District, two judges shall be stationed in the municipality of Cabanatuan, Province of Nueva Ecija, and the other in the municipality of Tarlac, Province of Tarlac.

"For the Seventh District, one judge shall be stationed in the municipality of San Fernando, Province of Pampanga, and the other in the municipality of Malolos, Province of Bulacan.

"For the Tenth District, in the municipality of Pasig, Province of Rizal.

"For the Twelfth District, in the municipality of Batangas, Province of Batangas.

"For the Thirteenth District, in the municipality of Lucena, Province of Tayabas.

"For the Fourteenth District, in the municipality of Naga, Province of Camarines Sur.

"For the Fifteenth District, one judge shall be stationed in the municipality of Legaspi, Province of Albay, and the other in the municipality of Sorsogon, Province of Sorsogon.

"For the Sixteenth District, in the municipality of Capiz, Province of Capiz.

"For the Nineteenth District, in the municipality of Dumaguete, Province of Oriental Negros.

"For the Twenty-first District, the judge of the first branch shall be stationed in the municipality of Tacloban, Province of Leyte, and the judge of the second branch in the municipality of Maasin, same province.

"For the Twenty-third District, in the municipality of Tagbilaran, Province of Bohol.

"For the Twenty-fourth District, one judge shall be stationed in the municipality of Surigao, Province of Surigao, and the other in the municipality of Cagayan, Province of Oriental Misamis.

"For the Twenty-fifth District, in the municipality of Zamboanga, Province of Zamboanga.

"For the Twenty-sixth District, in the municipality of Davao, Province of Davao.

"For the Twenty-seventh District, in the municipality of San Jose, Province of Antique."

SEC. 3. Section one hundred and fifty-seven of the Revised Administrative Code, as amended by section twenty-four of Act Numbered Forty hundred and seven, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 157. Judges-at-large.—In addition to the judges mentioned in section one hundred and fifty-four hereof, as amended, there shall also be appointed five judges who shall not be assigned permanently to any judicial district and who shall render duty in such districts, or provinces as may, from time to time, be designated by the Department Head."

SEC. 4. Section one hundred and sixty-one of the Revised Administrative Code, as amended by section twenty-six of Act Numbered Forty hundred and seven, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 161. Places and times of holding courts.—For the Ninth Judicial District, court shall be held in the City of Manila, and in other districts which comprise not more than one province as well as in those districts which comprise more than one province and for which, under the provisions of this Act, two judges are commissioned, court shall be held, at the capital of the province in which said judges are permanently stationed, except as hereinafter provided. In said districts, sessions of court shall be convened on all workdays when there are cases ready for trial or other court business to be dispatched.

"In the following districts, court shall be held at the places and times hereinbelow specified:

"First District: At Tuguegarao, Province of Cagayan, on the first Tuesday of August of each year; at Aparri, Province of Cagayan, on the first Tuesday of June and January of each year; at Santo Domingo de Basco, Province of Batanes, on the first Tuesday of March of each year. A special term of court shall also be held once a year in the municipalities of Abulug and Tuao, both of the Province of Cagayan, in the discretion of the court.

"Second District: At Ilagan, Province of Isabela, on the first Tuesday of February and July of each year; at Bayombong, Province of Nueva Vizcaya, on the second Tuesday of January and June of each year.

"Third District: At Bangued, Province of Abra, on the first Tuesday of March and October of each year; at Vigan, Province of Ilocos Sur, on the first Tuesday of June and December of each year.

"Fourth District: At San Fernando, Province of La Union, on the first Tuesday of January and September of each year, at Baguio, Mountain Province, on the first Tuesday of June and December of each year; at Kiangnan, Mountain Province, on the first Tuesday of March and November of each year; at Bontoc, Mountain Province, on the second Tuesday of March and November of each year. Whenever the interests of the administration of justice so require, special terms of court may be held at Lubuagan, Subprovince of Kalinga, and at Cabugao, Subprovince of Apayao.

"Fifth District: At Iba, Province of Zambales, on the first Tuesday of March and November of each year; at Lingayen, Province of Pangasinan, on the first Tuesday of June and December of each year; at Tayug, same province, on the first Tuesday of February of each year.

"Tenth District: At Balanga, Province of Bataan, on the first Tuesday of January and June of each year; at Pasig, Province of Rizal, on the first Tuesday of March and August of each year.

"Twelfth District: At Batangas, Province of Batangas, on the first Tuesday of January, June, and November of each year; at Calapan, Province of Mindoro, on the second Tuesday of February and the fourth Tuesday of September of each year; at San Jose, Province of Mindoro, on the second Tuesday of March of each year; and at Lubang, Lubang Island, Province of Mindoro, on the fourth Tuesday of March of each year, or whenever the judge with the authorization of the Secretary of Justice so appoints.

"Thirteenth District: At Lucena, Province of Tayabas, on the first Tuesday of January and July of each year; at Infanta, Province of Tayabas, for the municipalities of Infanta, Casiguran, Baler, and Polillo, on the first Tuesday of June of each year; at Boac, Province of Marinduque, on the first Tuesday of March of each year.

"Fourteenth District: At Naga, Province of Camarines Sur, on the first Tuesday of June and September of each year; at Daet, Province of Camarines Norte, on the first Tuesday of March and August of each year.

"Fifteenth District: At Legaspi, Province of Albay, on the first Tuesday of January, June, and November of each year; at Virac, Subprovince of Catanduanes, on the first Tuesday of March and September of each year; at Sorsogon, Province of Sorsogon, on the first Tuesday of January, June, and November of each year; at Masbate, Province of Masbate, on the second Tuesday of March and September of each year. .

"Sixteenth District: At Capiz, Province of Capiz, on the first Tuesday of January and June of each year; at Romblon, Province of Romblon, on the first Tuesday of March and November of each year.

"Nineteenth District: At Dumaguete, Province of Oriental Negros, on the first Tuesday of July and October of each year; at Larena, Subprovince of Siquijor, on the first Tuesday of August of each year.

"Twentieth District: At Catbalogan, Province of Samar, on the first Tuesday of June and November of each year; at Borongan, same province, on the second Tuesday of July of each year; at Catarman, same province, on the first Tuesday of March of each year; at Guiuan, same province, on the second Tuesday of February of each year; at Calbayog, same province, on the second Tuesday of September of each year; and at Laoang, of the same province, on the first Tuesday of October of each year.

"Twenty-first District: At Tacloban, Province of Leyte, on the first Tuesday of January and June of each year; at Maasin, same province, on the first Tuesday of March and September of each year; and at Ormoc, same province, on the first Tuesday of December of each year.

"Twenty-third District: At Oroquieta, Province of Occidental Misamis, on the first Tuesday of January and September of each year; and at Tagbilaran, Province of Bohol, on the first Tuesday of June and November of each year.

"Twenty-fourth District: At Surigao, Province of Surigao, on the first Tuesday of January and June of each year; at Cantilan, same province, on the second Tuesday of August of each year; at Butuan, Province of Agusan, on the first Tuesday of March and October of each year. A special term of court shall also be held once a year in either the municipality of Tandag or the municipality of Hinatuan, Province of Surigao, in the discretion of the court. At Mambajao, Province of Oriental Misamis, on the first Tuesday of March of each year; at Cagayan, Province of Oriental Misamis, on the first Tuesday of January, June and November of each year; at Malaybalay, Province of Bukidnon, on the first Tuesday of December of each year. A special term of court shall also be held once a year either in the municipality of Talisayan, or in the municipality of Gingood, Province of Oriental Misamis, in the discretion of the court; at Iligan, Province of Lanao, on the first Tuesday

of September of each year, but the September term for the Province of Lanao may be held at Dansalan, Province of Lanao in the discretion of the court.

"Twenty-fifth District: At Dipolog, Province of Zamboanga, on the first Tuesday of January and June of each year; at Jolo, Province of Sulu, on the first Tuesday of March and November of each year; at Zamboanga, Province of Zamboanga, on the first Tuesday of February and August of each year. The office of the clerk of Court of First Instance of Dapitan, Province of Zamboanga, is here by transferred to Dipolog, same province.

"Twenty-sixth District: At Davao, Province of Davao, on the first Tuesday of January and June of each year; at Cotabato, Province of Cotabato, on the first Tuesday of March and November of each year; at Glan, Province of Cotabato, and at Baganga and Mati, Province of Davao, terms of court shall be held at least once a year on the dates to be fixed by the court.

"Twenty-seventh District: At San Jose, Province of Antique, on the first Tuesday of June and October of each year; at Culasi, same province, on the first Tuesday of February of each year; at Coron, Province of Palawan, on the first Monday of March and August of each year; at Bacuit, Province of Palawan, on the first Saturday of March and August of each year; at Cuyo, same province, on the second Thursday of March and August of each year; at Araceli, same province, on the third Tuesday of March and August of each year; at Brook's Point, same province, on the third Saturday of March and August of each year; and at Puerto Princesa, same province on the fourth Tuesday of March and August of each year.

"Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, whenever weather conditions, the conditions of the roads or means of transportation, the number of cases, or the interests of the administration of justice require it, a judge may, with the approval of the Secretary of Justice, advance or postpone the term of court or transfer the place of holding the same to another municipality within the same judicial district; and, in the land registration cases, to any other place more convenient to the parties."

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect on its approval.

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