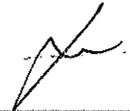


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 618

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance on  
SEP 17 2009

Re : Senate Bill No. 3445

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 2738.

Sponsors: Senators Escudero and Angara

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MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance to which was referred Senate Bill No. 2738, introduced by Senator Escudero, entitled:

**"AN ACT CREATING TWO ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT ROSARIO, BATANGAS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"**

have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached Senate Bill No. 3445, prepared by the Committees entitled:

**"AN ACT CREATING TWO ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT ROSARIO, BATANGAS, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980," AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"**

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill No. 2738, with Senators Escudero and Angara as authors thereof.

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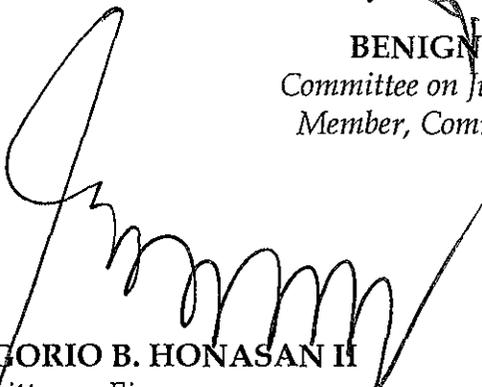


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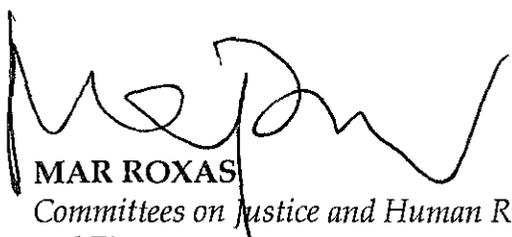
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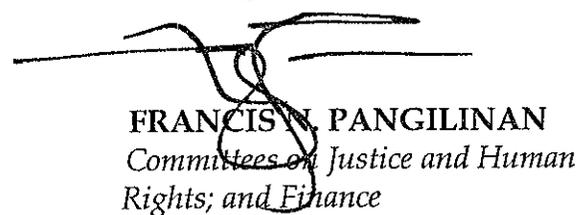
  
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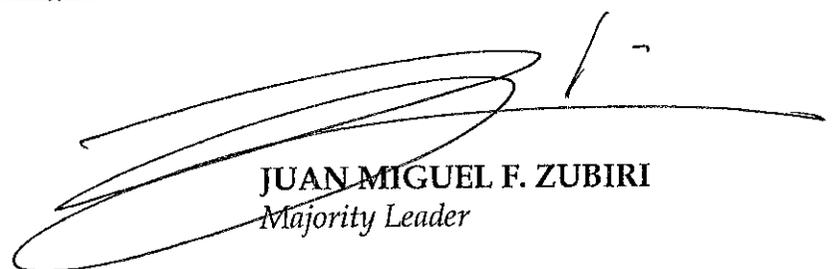
  
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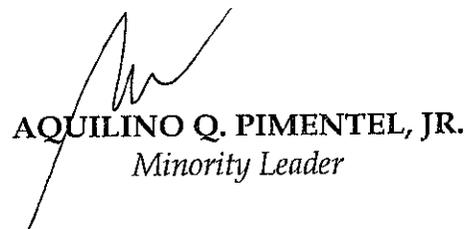
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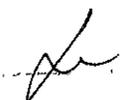
  
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**BATANGAS, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG**  
**129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980," AS**  
**AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** Two (2) additional Regional Trial Court branches for the Province of  
2 Batangas, with seats at Rosario, are hereby created in the Fourth Judicial Region.

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4           **SECTION 2.** The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the  
5 newly created branches.

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7           **SECTION 3.** Accordingly, Section 14(e) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise  
8 known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980," as amended, as well as other provisions  
9 that may be inconsistent herewith, is hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further  
10 amended.

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12           **SECTION 4.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary  
13 of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include, as may be determined on a priority  
14 basis, in the Court's program the implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall  
15 likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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17           **SECTION 5. Effectivity.** - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its  
18 publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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20           Approved,  
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