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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
Third Regular Session

SENATE

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 700

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance on
OCT 08 2009.

Re : House Bill No. 1691.

Recommending its approval without amendment.

Sponsors: Senators Escudero and Angara

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance to which was referred House Bill No. 1691, introduced by Representatives Cari, et. al., entitled:

**"AN ACT CREATING ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
BRANCH IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE STATIONED AT THE
CITY OF BAYBAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14,
PARAGRAPH (1) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS
AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9373, AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFOR"**


have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved without amendment.

Respectfully submitted:

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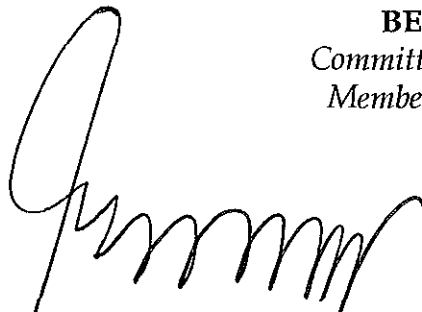


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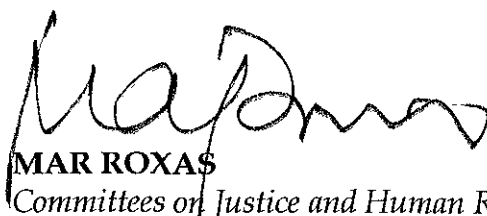
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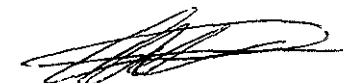

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 1691

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARI, DEFENSOR (M.), CUA (J.), NOEL, GONZALES (N.),
DE GUZMAN, AGBAYANI, VELARDE AND ROMULO

AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT
BRANCH IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE STATIONED AT
THE CITY OF BAYBAY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (I) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION
ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9373,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

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

4 "SEC. 14. *Regional Trial Courts.* —

5 "x x x

6 "(i) [Forty-three] FORTY-FOUR Regional Trial Judges
7 shall be commissioned for the Eighth Judicial Region. There
8 shall be:

9 "x x x

1 “[Nineteen] TWENTY branches with seats thereat for the
2 Province of Leyte, the Province of Biliran, and the cities of
3 Ormoc and Tacloban, with seats at Tacloban City, Abuyog,
4 Calubian, Ormoc City, Carigara, Baybay, Burauen, Naval,
5 Palompon, Hilongos, and Caibiran;

6 “x x x.”

7 SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the additional branch of the
8 regional trial court in the City of Baybay, Province of Leyte, in accordance
9 with this Act.

10 SEC. 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with
11 the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the
12 Court’s program the operationalization of the additional Regional Trial Court
13 in the Province of Leyte, with station at the City of Baybay, the funding of
14 which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

15 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

 Approved,

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