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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 701

Re : House Bill No. 2304.

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. 2304, introduced by Representatives Garay, et. al., entitled:

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FOR THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF BISLIG, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (L) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7154, 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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Senate President Senate of the Philippines Pasay City CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES FOURTEENTILI CONGRESS Second Regular Session

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 2304

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT FOR THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF BISLIG, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (L) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980" AS REPUBLIC ACT 7154, AMENDED BY NO. 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 (1) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, 2 otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended 3 by Section 12 of Republic Act No. 7154, is hereby further amended to read as 4 follows:

5 "(l) [Forty-one] FORTY-TWO Regional Trial Judges shall 6 be commissioned for the Eleventh Judicial Region. There shall 7 be:

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"[Five] SIX branches with seats thereat for the Province of Surigao del Sur, with seats at Tandag, Lianga, Bislig CITY, and Cantilan.

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5 SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with 6 the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the 7 Court's program the establishment of an additional branch of the Regional 8 Trial Court in the City of Bislig, Province of Surigao del Sur, the funding of 9 which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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