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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 714

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance on  
OCT 14 2009.

Re : Senate Bill No. 3494

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 2813.

Sponsors: Senators Escudero and Angara

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance to which was referred Senate Bill No. 2813, introduced by Senator Escudero, entitled:

**"AN ACT CREATING ONE ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT JOLO, SULU, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"**

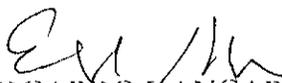
have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached Senate Bill No. 3494 prepared by the Committees entitled:

**"AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT JOLO, SULU, 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. 2813, with Senators Escudero and Angara as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:

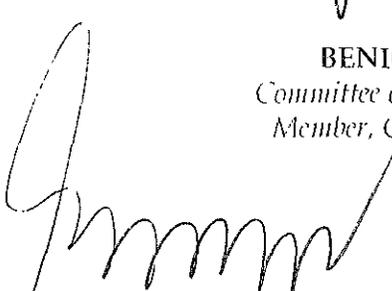
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*will introduce amendment  
that will prohibit the Court from  
sitting elsewhere, but only in Jolo  
or any part of Sulu.*  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1 SECTION 1. One (1) additional Regional Trial Court branch for the Province of Sulu,  
2 with seat at Jolo, is hereby created in the Ninth Judicial Region.

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4 SECTION 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number for the newly created  
5 branch.

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

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

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

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19 Approved,  
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