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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 833

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance on FEB 0 2 2010.

Re

Senate Bill No.

FOURTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

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Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 2772 and 2773, taking into consideration HB No. 1504.

Sponsors: Senators Escudero and Angara

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance to which was referred Senate Bill No. 2772, introduced by Senator Escudero, entitled:

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

Senate Bill No. 2773, introduced by Senator Escudero, entitled:

AN ACT CREATING ONE ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT LA CARLOTA CITY, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

and taking into consideration House Bill No. 1504, introduced by Representatives Ferrer, et al, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, ONE TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF LA CARLOTA, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AND ONE ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF BAGO, NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached Senate Bill No. <u>3583</u> prepared by the Committees entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING TWO ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL REGION, ONE TO BE STATIONED AT BAGO CITY AND ONE TO BE STATIONED AT LA CARLOTA CITY, BOTH IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 2772 and 2773, taking into consideration House Bill No. 1504, with Senators Escudero and Angara as authors thereof.

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AN ACT CREATING TWO ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL REGION, ONE TO BE STATIONED AT BAGO CITY AND ONE TO BE STATIONED AT LA CARLOTA CITY, BOTH IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

- **SECTION 1.** One (1) additional Regional Trial Court branch for the Province of Negros Occidental, with seat at Bago City, is hereby created in the Sixth Judicial Region.
- **SECTION 2.** One (1) additional Regional Trial Court branch for the Province of Negros Occidental, with seat at La Carlota City, is hereby created in the Sixth Judicial Region.
- **SECTION 3.** The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number for the newly created branch.
- **SECTION 4.** Accordingly, Section 14(g) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980," as amended, as well as other provisions that may be inconsistent herewith, is hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further amended.
- **SECTION 5.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include, as may be determined on a priority basis, in the Court's program the implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- **SECTION 6**. *Effectivity*. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,