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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 438
Submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights <i>and</i> Finance on
Re: H. No. 5621
Recommending its approval with amendments.
Sponsor: Senator Pimentel

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Justice and Human Rights *and* Finance, to which were referred H. No. 5621, introduced by Reps. Chipeco, Tupas, Ungab, and Bataoil, entitled:

"AN ACT

CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA TO BE STATIONED IN CALAMBA CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF 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 it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved with the following amendments:

1) "On Page 1, Section 1, Line 2, insert the phrase "IN THE CITY OF CALAMBA, SITUATED" before the word "in"; and delete the phrase "to be stationed in Calamba City," after the word "Laguna";

- 2) "Still on the same page and section, in Lines 4-5, the 2nd paragraph of Section 1 shall now become Section 2, then delete the phrase "newly-created Regional Trial Court" and change to "NEWLY CREATED COURT"; Renumber the succeeding sections accordingly;
- 3) "On Page 2, Section 2, Line 1, delete the phrase "to be stationed in Calamba City," and change to the phrase "IN THE CITY OF CALAMBA, SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA," in Line 2, capitalize the starting letter of the word "annual"; and thereafter, insert the following sentence at the end of the paragraph: "The funds necessary for the operation of the courts herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the courts and the appointment of their personnel.";
- 4) "Still on Page 2, Section 3, Line 5, insert the phrase "EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND" between the words "laws," and "rules";
- 5) "Still on Page 2, Section 4, Line 7, insert the word "COMPLETE" between the words "its" and "publication"; on Line 8, delete the phrase "in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper" and change to "IN TWO (2) NEWSPAPERS", and
- 6) "Amend the title by changing the phrase "in the Province of Laguna to be stationed in Calamba City," to "IN THE CITY OF CALAMBA, SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION," to read as follows:

"AN ACT

CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE CITY OF CALAMBA, SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980,' AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

Respectfully Submitted:

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

II. No. 5621

BY	Representatives	CIPECO,	TUPAS,	UNGAB	AND	BATAOIL,
	PER COMMITTEE REPORT No. 647					

AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA TO BE STATIONED IN CALAMBA CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 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:

- SECTION 1. Three (3) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Province of Laguna, to be stationed in Calamba City, are hereby created in the Fourth Judicial Region.
- The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers of the newly-created Regional Trial Court Branches in the Fourth Judicial Region.
- SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the operationalization of three (3) additional branches of the

Regional Trial Court to be stationed in Calamba City, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Section 14(e) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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Approved,