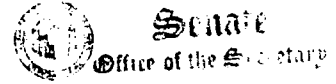


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 181

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance on  
DEC 12 2023.

Re: House Bill No. 6585

Recommending the approval of House Bill No. 6585, with amendments.

Sponsor: Senator Francis "Tol" N. Tolentino

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**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance, to which were referred **House Bill No. 6585**, introduced by Representatives Palma, Ferrer (J.M.), et al., entitled:

**"AN ACT**

**CREATING SIX (6) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DIPLAHAN, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (J) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED"**

have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that House Bill No. 6585, be approved with the following amendments:

- 1) On Page 2, line 11, after the punctuation mark “.”, insert a new sentence as follows: **“THE SUPREME COURT SHALL ISSUE THE NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT AND, IF WARRANTED, THE REALIGNMENT OF SEATS OF EXISTING BRANCHES AND THEIR TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION”**; and
  
- 2) Finally on the same page, Section 3, line 13, between the words “staff” and “shall”, insert the punctuation mark “,” and followed by the phrase: **“AS WELL AS FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AUTOMATICALLY CREATED PROSECUTOR POSITIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10071 OR THE “PROSECUTION SERVICE ACT OF 2010” AND APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC ATTORNEYS PURSUANT TO SECTION 7 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9406 OR THE “ACT REORGANIZING AND STRENGTHENING THE PUBLIC ATTORNEY’S OFFICE (PAO)”, RESULTING FROM THE CREATION OF THESE COURTS, INCLUDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PERSONNEL SERVICES SUCH AS SALARIES, BENEFITS, AND EMOLUMENTS FOR PROSECUTORS”**

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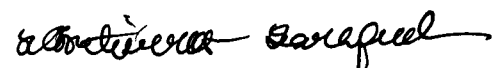
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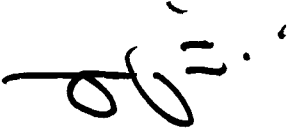
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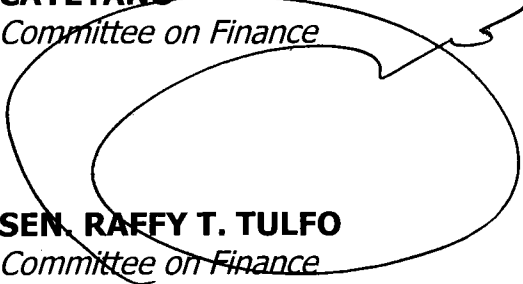


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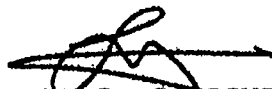
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

- 1     **SECTION 1.** Six (6) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Ninth  
2 Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the Municipality of Diplahan,  
3 Province of Zamboanga Sibugay, to be designated as follows:

1 a) One (1) Family Court; and

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3 b) Five (5) regular Regional Trial Courts.

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5 The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly  
6 created branches of the Regional Trial Court.

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8 **SEC. 2.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary  
9 of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the  
10 operationalization of the additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the  
11 Municipality of Diplahan, Province of Zamboanga Sibugay.

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13 **SEC. 3.** The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act, including  
14 appropriations for personnel services such as salaries, benefits and emoluments for  
15 judges and court personnel, court operations under maintenance and other operating  
16 expenses (MOOE), and provisions for Halls of Justice or courtrooms to accommodate  
17 judges and court staff, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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19 **SEC. 4.** Section 14 (j) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The  
20 Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and  
21 regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or  
22 modified accordingly.

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24 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*  
25 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,