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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 185

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance on $\overline{\textbf{DEC 12 2023}}$

Re: House Bill No. 6589

Recommending the approval of House Bill No. 6589, with amendments.

Sponsor: Senator Francis "Tol" N. Tolentino

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance, to which were referred **House Bill No. 6589**, introduced by Representatives Duterte, Ferrer (J.M.), et al., entitled:

"AN ACT

CREATING ELEVEN (11) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF DAVAO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 29 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. 6589 be approved with the following amendments:

- 1) On Page 2, line 6, after the punctation 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 12, 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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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Eleven (11) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the Eleventh Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the City of Davao.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly

created branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities.

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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 the additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the City of Davao.

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

SEC. 4. Section 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 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. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,