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COMMITTEE REPORT No. 217

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance on
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Re: House Bill No. 6582

Recommending the approval of House Bill No. 6582, 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. 6582**, introduced by Representatives Albano, Ferrer (J.M.), et al., entitled:

**"AN ACT
CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL REGION
TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABAGAN,
PROVINCE OF ISABELA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (B)
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. 6582, be approved with the following amendments:

- 1) On Page 2, line 7, Section 2, 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.”;

- 2) On the same page, line 13, Section 3, between the words “staff,” and “shall”, insert 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 AND PUBLIC ATTORNEYS.”;

- 3) On the same page, Section 3, insert a new paragraph to read as:

“THE FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE COURTS HEREIN CREATED SHALL BE APPROPRIATED AND RELEASED ONLY UPON THE ACTUAL ORGANIZATION OF THE COURT AND THE APPOINTMENT OF ITS PERSONNEL.”;

- 4) Still on Page 2, insert a new **Section 4** to read as:

“SEC.4. IN VIEW OF THE PROPOSED TWO (2) ADDITIONAL COURTS, THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABAGAN WILL HAVE THREE (3) BRANCHES. THE STAFFING PATTERN OF EACH BRANCH SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

No. of Positions	Position Title	SG
1	Regional Trial Court Judge	29
1	Clerk of Court V	24
1	Court Legal Researcher II	15
1	Interpreter III	12
4	Court Stenographer III	12
1	Sheriff IV	12
2	Clerk III	6
1	Process Server	5
1	Utility Worker I	1
13	Personnel	

THE STAFF COMPLEMENT OF THE NEW OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT (OCC) SHALL BE COMPOSED OF NINE (9) PERSONNEL, WHILE THE DATA ENTRY MACHINE OPERATOR (DEMO) FROM THE ORIGINAL RTC WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE OCC, UNLESS MODIFIED AS DETERMINED BY THE SUPREME COURT.

IN ADDITION, THERE SHALL BE APPOINTED THE CORRESPONDING NUMBER OF PROSECUTOR/S AND PUBLIC ATTORNEY/S AND THEIR SUPPORT STAFF BASED ON THE RATIO OUTLINED IN REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10071 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9406, RESPECTIVELY.”;

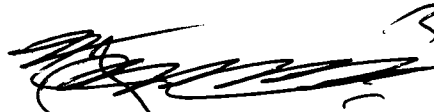
5) Finally, renumber the sections accordingly.

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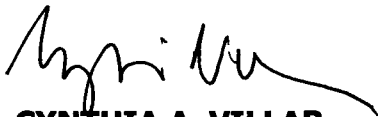
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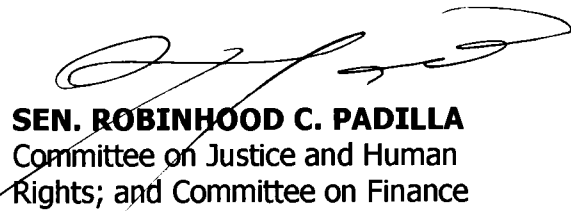
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H. No. 6582

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AN ACT

CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABAGAN, PROVINCE OF ISABELA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (B) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Second
- 2 Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the Municipality of Cabagan,
- 3 Province of Isabela.

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

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4 **SEC. 2.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary
5 of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the
6 operationalization of the additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the
7 Municipality of Cabagan, Province of Isabela.

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

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

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

Approved,