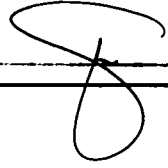


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COMMITTEE REPORT No. 225

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance on

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Re: House Bill No. 8254

Recommending the approval of House Bill No. 8254 taking into consideration Senate Bill No. 2242, 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. 8254**, introduced by Representatives Bolilia, Ferrer (J.M.), et al., entitled:

"AN ACT

CREATING FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ROSARIO AND SAN JUAN, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED"

and **Senate Bill No. 2242**, introduced by Senator Cynthia A. Villar, entitled:

**"AN ACT
CREATING FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION
TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ROSARIO
AND SAN JUAN, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, AND
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PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 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. 8254 in consideration of Senate Bill No. 2242, be approved with the following amendments:

- 1) On page 2, line 14, 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 20, 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, line 20, Section 3, after the phrase "General Appropriations Act," 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) On the same page, insert a new **Section 4** to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. IN VIEW OF THE PROPOSED ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION, THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS WILL HAVE FIVE (5) BRANCHES STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ROSARIO. 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 FIFTEEN (15) PERSONNEL, WHILE THE DATA ENTRY MACHINE OPERATOR (DEMO) FROM THE ORIGINAL RTC WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE OCC, UNLESS THE SAME IS MODIFIED AS MAY BE 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) Still on the same page, insert a new **Section 5** to read as:

“SEC. 5. IN VIEW OF THE PROPOSED ADDITIONAL COURTS IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION, THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS WILL HAVE A SINGLE-SALA RTC STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JUAN. THE STAFFING PATTERN OF THE SINGLE-SALA BRANCH SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:”

| No. | Positions | SG |
|-----------|--------------------------------|----|
| 1 | Regional Trial Court Judge | 29 |
| 1 | Clerk of Court VI | 25 |
| 1 | Court Legal Researcher II | 15 |
| 1 | Interpreter III | 12 |
| 4 | Court Stenographer III | 12 |
| 1 | Sheriff IV | 12 |
| 1 | Data Entry Machine Operator II | 8 |
| 2 | Clerk III | 6 |
| 1 | Process Server | 5 |
| 1 | Utility Worker I | 1 |
| 14 | Personnel | |


6) Finally, renumber the sections accordingly.

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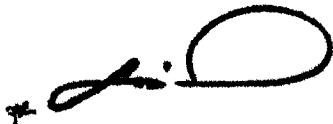


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AN ACT

CREATING FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ROSARIO AND SAN JUAN, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(E) 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.** Five (5) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Fourth
2 Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the Province of Batangas as
3 follows:

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5 (a) Four (4) branches in the Municipality of Rosario; and
6 (b) One (1) branch in the Municipality of San Juan.

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

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11 **SEC. 2.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary
12 of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the
13 operationalization of the additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the
14 Municipalities of Rosario and San Juan, Province of Batangas.

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

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

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

Approved,