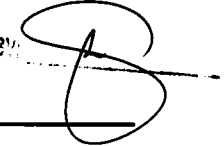


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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 229**

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance on  
**MAR - 7 2024**.

Re: House Bill No. 8260

Recommending the approval of House Bill No. 8260, 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. 8260**, introduced by Representatives Unabia, Ferrer (J.M.), et al., entitled:

**"AN ACT**

**CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF GINGOOG, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(K) 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. 8260, be approved with the following amendments:

- 1) On Page 1, line 11, 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 17, 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 and line, 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) Still on the same page, insert a new **Section 4** to read as:

**“SEC. 4. IN VIEW OF THE PROPOSED TWO (2) REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS, THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE CITY OF GINGOOG SHALL HAVE FIVE (5) 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
<b>13</b>	<b>Personnel</b>	

**THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT (OCC) THAT CURRENTLY HAS NINE (9) MEMBERS WILL NEED ADDITIONAL SIX (6) STAFF MEMBERS, INCREASING THE TOTAL STAFF MEMBERS TO FIFTEEN (15), 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.”;**

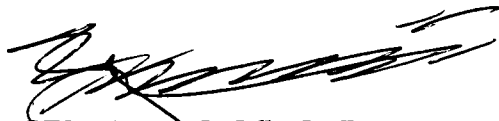
5) Finally, renumber the sections accordingly.

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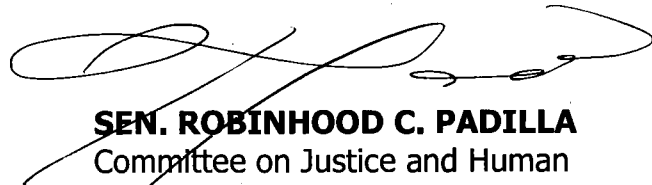
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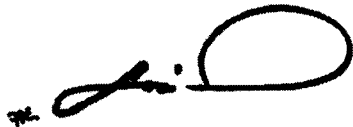
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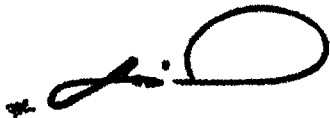
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1       **SECTION 1.** Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Tenth  
2 Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the City of Gingoog, Province of  
3 Misamis Oriental.

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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 City of  
11 Gingoog, Province of Misamis Oriental.

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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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**SEC. 4.** Section 14(k) 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,