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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 615

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance on SEP 1 7 2009 .

Re

Senate Bill No. 3442

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 2796.

Sponsors: Senators Escudero and Angara

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance to which was referred Senate Bill No. 2796, introduced by Senator Escudero, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING ONE ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT LAGAWE, IFUGAO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached Senate Bill No3442, prepared by the Committees entitled:

"AN ACT

CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT LAGAWE, IFUGAO, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980," AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill No. 2796, with Senators Escudero and Angara as authors thereof.

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

- **SECTION 1.** One (1) additional Regional Trial Court branch for the Province of Ifugao, with seat at Lagawe, is hereby created in the Second Judicial Region.
- **SECTION 2.** The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number for the newly created branch.
- **SECTION 3.** Accordingly, Section 14(b) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980," as amended, as well as other provisions that may be inconsistent herewith, is hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further amended.
- **SECTION 4.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include, as may be determined on a priority basis, in the Court's program the implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- **SECTION 5.** *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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