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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 616

Re : Senate Bill No. 3443

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 2715, taking into consideration HB No. 16.

Sponsors: Senators Escudero and Angara

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance to which were referred Senate Bill No. 2715, introduced by Senator Escudero, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING FIVE ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT ALABEL, SARANGANI, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

and taking into consideration House Bill No. 16, introduced by Representatives Chongbian, et. al., entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS IN THE PROVINCE OF SARANGANI WITH SEATS AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALABEL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PARAGRAPH (1), SECTION 14 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980"

have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached Senate Bill No. **344.3** prepared by the Committees entitled:

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be approved in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 2715, taking into consideration House Bill No. 16, with Senators Escudero and Angara as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:

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

1	SECTION 1. Five (5) additional Regional Trial Court branches for Alabel, Sarangani
2	with seats thereat, are hereby created in the National Capital Judicial Region.
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4	SECTION 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number for the newly created
5	branches.
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7	SECTION 3. Accordingly, Section 14(I) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known
8	as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980," as amended, as well as other provisions that may
9	be inconsistent herewith, are hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further amended.
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11	SECTION 4. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary
12	of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include, as may be determined on a priority
13	basis, in the Court's program the implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall
14	likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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16	SECTION 5. Effectivity This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its
17	publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation,
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