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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 628

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance on  
SEP 17 2009.

Re : Senate Bill No. 3454

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 2823.

Sponsors: Senators Escudero and Angara

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MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance to which was referred Senate Bill No. 2823, introduced by Senator Escudero, entitled:

**"AN ACT CREATING TWO ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT CALOOCAN CITY, 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 No. 3454 prepared by the Committees entitled:


**"AN ACT CREATING TWO ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT CALOOCAN CITY, 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. 2823, with Senators Escudero and Angara as authors thereof.

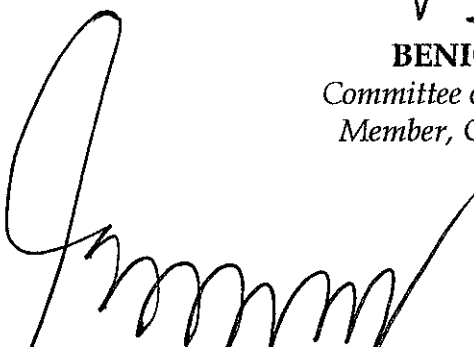
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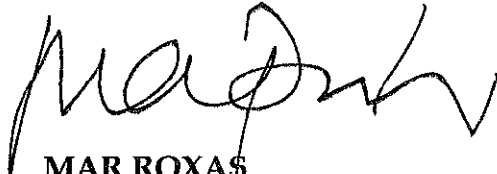
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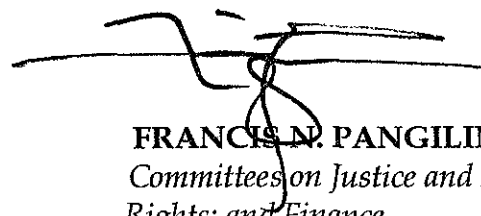
  
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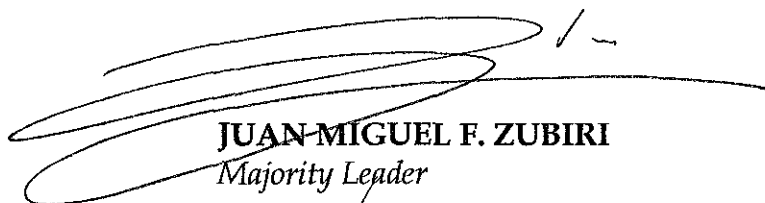
  
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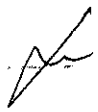
  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1           SECTION 1. Two (2) additional Metropolitan Trial Court branches for Caloocan City,  
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 respective branch numbers for the  
5 newly created branches.

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7           SECTION 3. Accordingly, Section 27 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, is 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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19           Approved,  
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