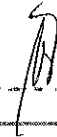


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 704

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance on
OCT 08 2009.

Re : Senate Bill No. 3478

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 2749, taking into consideration HB No. 4350.

Sponsors: Senators Escudero and Angara

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance to which was referred Senate Bill No. 2749, introduced by Senator Escudero, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING SEVEN ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT CALAMBA CITY, LAGUNA, 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. 4350, introduced by Representatives Chipeco, *et al*, entitled:

“AN ACT CREATING FOUR ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LOS BAÑOS AND CABUYAO AND THE CITY OF CALAMBA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980 AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”

have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached Senate Bill No. 3478 prepared by the Committees entitled:


"AN ACT CREATING SEVEN ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT CALAMBA CITY, LAGUNA, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

be approved in substitution of Senate Bill No. 2749, taking into consideration House Bill No. 4350, with Senators Escudero and Angara as authors thereof.

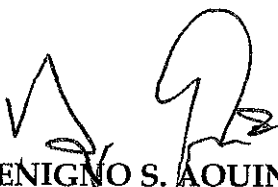
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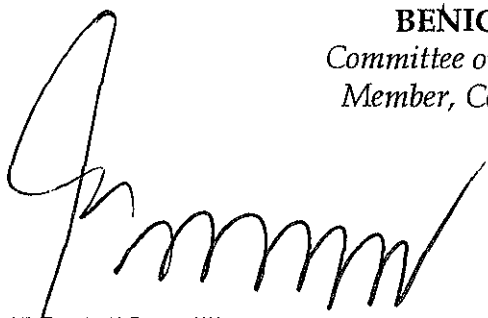
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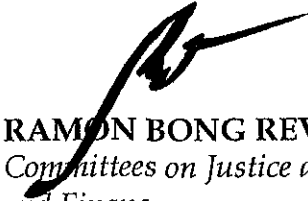
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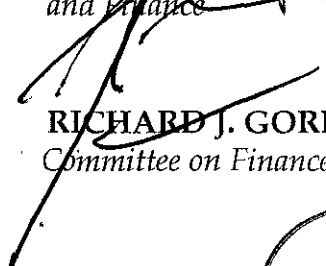
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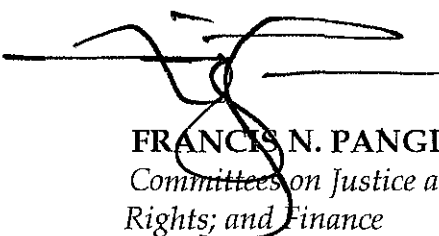


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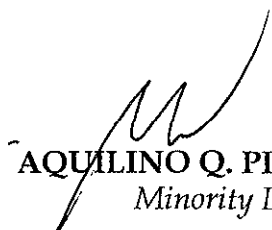
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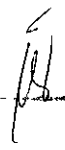
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AN ACT
CREATING SEVEN ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT CALAMBA CITY, LAGUNA, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, ^{AS AMENDED} OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980," AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Seven (7) additional Regional Trial Court branches for the Province of
- 2 Laguna, with seats at Calamba City, are hereby created in the Fourth Judicial Region.
- 3
- 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 14(e) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise
- 8 known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980," as amended, as well as other provisions
- 9 that may be inconsistent herewith, is hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further
- 10 amended.
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- 12 SECTION 4. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary
- 13 of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include, as may be determined on a priority
- 14 basis, in the Court's program the implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall
- 15 likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- 16
- 17 SECTION 5. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its
- 18 publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.
- 19
- 20 Approved,