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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 842

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance on FEB 0 3 2010.

Re : Senate Bill No. <u>3587</u>

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill No. 2788.

Sponsors: Senators Escudero and Angara

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance to which was referred Senate Bill No. 2788, introduced by Senator Escudero, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING TWENTY-THREE ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT QUEZON 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. 3587, prepared by the Committees entitled:

"AN ACT

CREATING TWENTY-THREE ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT QUEZON 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. 2788, with Senators Escudero and Angara as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:

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AN ACT

CREATING TWENTY-THREE ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT QUEZON CITY, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS BILANG 129, **OTHERWISE** PAMBANSA **KNOWN** AS **"THE JUDICIARY** REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980," AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Twenty-three (23) additional Regional Trial Court branches for Quezon City, with seats thereat, are hereby created in the National Capital Judicial Region.

SECTION 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches.

7 SECTION 3. Accordingly, Section 14(d) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980," as amended, as well as other provisions 8 9 that may be inconsistent herewith, is hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further 10 amended.

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 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. 15

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. 18

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