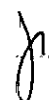


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 150

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights *and*  
Finance on MAY 26 2015.

Re: H. No. 4484

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor: Senator Pimentel

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Justice and Human Rights *and* Finance, to which were referred H. No. 4484, introduced by Reps. Singson (R.), Tupas, and Ungab, entitled:

**"AN ACT  
CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR  
TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF VIGAN AND IN THE  
MUNICIPALITY OF STO. DOMINGO, FURTHER AMENDING  
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (A) 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 it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved with the following amendments:

- 1) "On Page 1, Section 1, Line 1, change the word and number "Two (2)" to the word "An", and change the word "branches" to "branch";

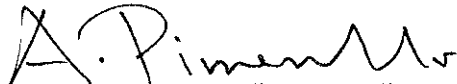
- 2) "On the same page and section, line 2, delete the phrase "and in the Municipality of Sto. Domingo"; on line 3, change the word "are" to "is"; on line 4, delete the word "respective", and delete the letter "s" after the word "numbers", and on line 5, change the word "branches" to "branch";
- 3) "Still on Page 1, Section 1, Line 3, insert the phrase "situated in the" before the word "province";
- 4) "Still on Page 1, the Second Paragraph of Section 1, in Line 4, shall become Section 2 of H. No. 4484; and renumber accordingly;
- 5) "On Page 2, Sec. 2, Line 3, delete the word and number "two (2)", and change the word "branches" to "branch", and on line 5, delete the phrase "and in the Municipality of Sto. Domingo"; On Line 6, capitalize the first letter in the word "annual";
- 6) "Still On Page 2, Section 2, Line 6, insert the following sentence at the end of the paragraph: **"The funds necessary for the operation of the court herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the court and the appointment of its personnel."**;
- 7) "On Page 2, Section 3, Line 8, insert the phrase **"executive orders and"** between the words "laws" and "rules";
- 8) "On Page 2, Section 4, Line 12, delete the phrase "in the Official Gazette or" " and
- 9) Amend the title to read as follows:

**"AN ACT  
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL  
TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF VIGAN,  
SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR, IN THE FIRST  
JUDICIAL REGION, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (A) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129,  
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION  
ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR."**

Respectfully Submitted:



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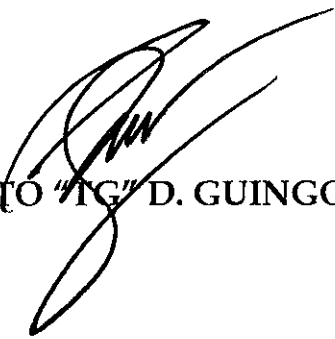


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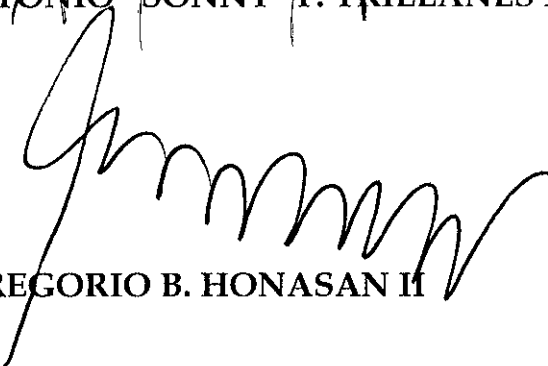


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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4484

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BY REPRESENTATIVES SINGSON (R.), TUPAS AND UNGAB, PER COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 243

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AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF VIGAN AND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STO. DOMINGO, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (A) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE 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:*

- 1           SECTION 1. Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court to  
2 be stationed in the City of Vigan and in the Municipality of Sto. Domingo,  
3 Province of Ilocos Sur are hereby created in the First Judicial Region.  
4           The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers of the  
5 newly created branches of the Regional Trial Court in the First Judicial  
6 Region.

1           SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with  
2 the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the  
3 Court's program the operationalization of the two (2) additional branches of  
4 the Regional Trial Court in the Province of Ilocos Sur to be stationed in the  
5 City of Vigan and in the Municipality of Sto. Domingo, the funding of which  
6 shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

7           SEC. 3. Section 14(a) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as  
8 "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws,  
9 rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended,  
10 repealed or modified accordingly.

11           SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete  
12 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general  
13 circulation.

Approved,

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