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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 156

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights and  
 Finance on MAY 27 2015.

Re: H. No. 2409

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. 2409, introduced by Reps. Guiao, Tupas, and Ungab, entitled:

**"AN ACT  
 CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS  
 IN CITIES FOR ANGELES CITY, ONE (1) MUNICIPAL TRIAL  
 COURT FOR MAGALANG AND ONE (1) MUNICIPAL TRIAL  
 COURT IN CITIES FOR THE CITY OF MABALACAT, ALL IN THE  
 PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, THUS AMENDING FOR THE  
 PURPOSE 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:

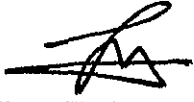
- 1) "On Page 1, Section 1, Lines 1 to 3, delete the sentence "Two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities for Angeles City, Province of Pampanga, with seats thereat, are hereby created in the Third Judicial Region" and change to "Two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities

to be stationed in Angeles City, situated in the Province of Pampanga are hereby created in the Third Judicial Region."

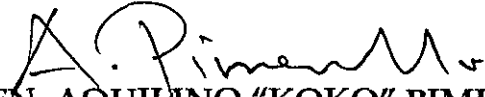
- 2) "On Page 1, Section 3, Line 10, insert the phrase "in the Third Judicial Region" after the word "branches";
- 3) "On Page 2, Section 5, Line 8, delete the phrase "implementation of this Act" and the sentence "The funding therefor shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act" and change to "operationalization of the two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the City of Angeles, one (1) Municipal Trial Court in Magalang, and one (1) Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the City of Mabalacat, all in the Province of Pampanga, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act."
- 4) "On Page 2, Section 6, Lines 14 to 16, delete the phrase "as well as other provisions that may be inconsistent herewith are deemed modified and/or further amended" to "and all other laws, executive orders, and rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed, or modified accordingly." and
- 5) "On Page 2, Section 7, Line 18, delete the phrase "in the *Official Gazette* or"; and
- 6) Amend the title to read as follows:

**"AN ACT  
CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS  
IN CITIES FOR ANGELES CITY, ONE (1) MUNICIPAL TRIAL  
COURT FOR MAGALANG, AND ONE (1) MUNICIPAL TRIAL  
COURT IN CITIES FOR THE CITY OF MABALACAT, ALL  
SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, IN THE THIRD  
JUDICIAL REGION, THUS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE  
BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE  
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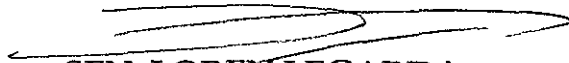
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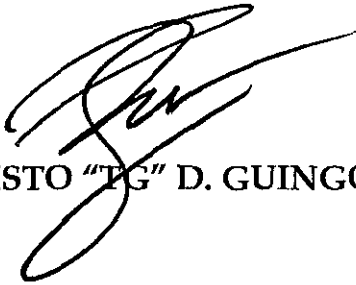


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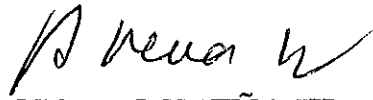
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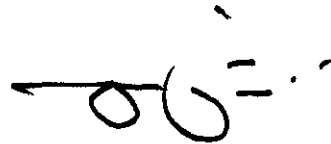


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 2409

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BY REPRESENTATIVES GUIAO, TUPAS AND UNGAB

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AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES FOR ANGELES CITY, ONE (1) MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT FOR MAGALANG AND ONE (1) MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES FOR THE CITY OF MABALACAT, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, THUS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE 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 Municipal Trial Court  
2 in Cities for Angeles City, Province of Pampanga, with seats thereat, are  
3 hereby created in the Third Judicial Region.
- 4           SEC. 2. The territorial jurisdiction of the Municipal Circuit Trial Court  
5 of Mabalacat and Magalang in the Province of Pampanga are hereby separated  
6 and a separate Municipal Trial Court in Cities for the City of Mabalacat and a  
7 separate Municipal Trial Court for Magalang, respectively, shall be established  
8 therein.
- 9           SEC. 3. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers  
10 for the newly created branches.

1           SEC. 4. All pending cases falling within the jurisdiction of the  
2 Municipal Circuit Trial Court of Mabalacat and Magalang shall be transferred  
3 to the newly created Municipal Trial Court in Cities for the City of Mabalacat  
4 and Municipal Trial Court of Magalang, accordingly, and shall be tried and  
5 decided therein.

6           SEC. 5. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with  
7 the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the  
8 Court's program the implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall  
9 likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The funds  
10 necessary for the operation of the courts herein created shall be appropriated  
11 and released only upon the actual organization of the courts and the  
12 appointment of its personnel.

13           SEC. 6. Sections 29, 30 and 31 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise  
14 known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, as well as  
15 other provisions that may be inconsistent herewith are deemed modified and/or  
16 further amended.

17           SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete  
18 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general  
19 circulation.

Approved,