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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 157

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

Re: H. No. 2701

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. 2701, introduced by Reps. Escudero, Tupas, and Ungab, entitled:

**"AN ACT
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL
TRIAL COURT IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE
STATIONED IN SORSOGON CITY, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON,
FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14,
PARAGRAPH (F) 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 "One (1) additional branch" to "An additional branch"; On Lines 1 to 2, delete the phrase "for Sorsogon City, with seat thereat," and change to "to be stationed in the City of Sorsogon, situated in the Province of Sorsogon";

- 2) "On Page 1, Section 2, Line 4, insert the phrase **"of the Regional Trial Court in the Fifth Judicial Region"** after the word "branch";
- 3) "On Page 1, Section 3, Lines 7 to 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 additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the City of Sorsogon, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act."**;
- 4) "On Page 2, Section 4, Lines 2 to 4, change the phrase "as well as other provisions that may be inconsistent herewith is hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further amended" to **"and all other laws, executive orders, and rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed, or modified accordingly."**;
- 5) "On Page 2, Section 5, Line 6, delete the phrase "in the *Official Gazette* or"; and
- 6) Amend the title to read as follows:

**"AN ACT
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL
TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED IN SORSOGON CITY,
SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF SORSOGON, IN THE FIFTH
JUDICIAL REGION, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (F) 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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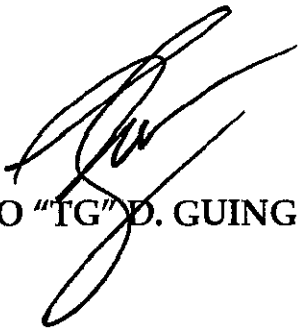


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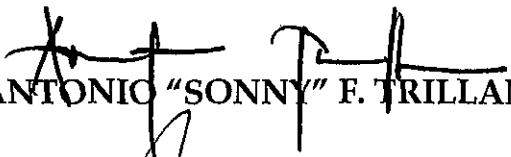
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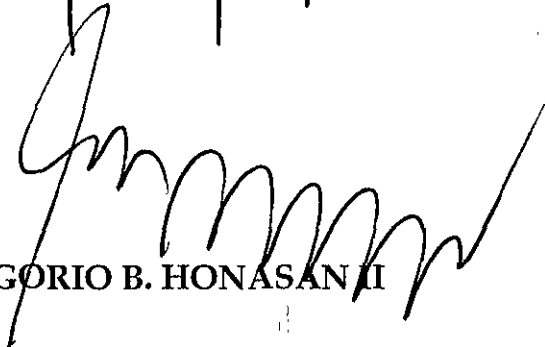


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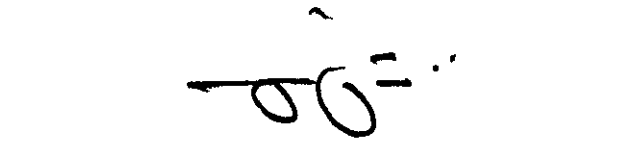


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 2701

BY REPRESENTATIVES ESCUDERO, TUPAS AND UNGAB

AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN SORSOGON CITY, PROVINCE OF SORSOGON, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (F) 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.** One (1) additional branch of the Regional Trial Court for
2 Sorsogon City, with seat thereat, is hereby created in the Fifth Judicial Region.
- 3 **SEC. 2.** The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number for the
4 newly created branch.
- 5 **SEC. 3.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with
6 the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the
7 Court's program the implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall
8 likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act. The funds
9 necessary for the operation of the court herein created shall be appropriated
10 and released only upon the actual organization of the court and the
11 appointment of its personnel.

1 **SEC. 4.** Section 14(f) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as
2 "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, as well as other
3 provisions that may be inconsistent herewith is hereby deemed repealed,
4 modified and/or further amended.

5 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
6 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers of general
7 circulation.

Approved,

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