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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 160
Submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights <i>and</i> Finance on
Re: H. No. 4483
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. 4483, introduced by Reps. Olivarez, Tupas, and Ungab, entitled:

"AN ACT

CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN PARAÑAQUE CITY, METRO MANILA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (D) 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 "Three (3)",
- 2) "On Page 1, the Second Paragraph of Section 1, in Line 4, shall become Section 2 of H. No. 4483; and renumber accordingly;

- 3) "On Page 1, Section 2, Line 9, change the number "two (2)" to "three (3)";
- 4) "On Page 2, Section 2, Line 2, capitalize the first letter in the word "annual";
- 5) "On Page 2, Section 2, Line 2, insert the following sentence at the end of the paragraph: "The funds necessary for the operation of the courts herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the courts and the appointment of its personnel.";
- 6) "On Page 2, Section 3, Line 4, insert the phrase "executive orders, and" between the words "laws" and "rules";
- 7) "On Page 2, Section 4, Line 8, delete the phrase "in the Official Gazette or"; and
- 8) Amend the title by changing the phrase "two (2) additional branches" to "three (3) additional branches", to read as follows:

"AN ACT

CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN PARAÑAQUE CITY, METRO MANILA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (D) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR."

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CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES SIXTEENTH CONGRESS First Regular Session

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4483

BY REPRESENTATIVES OLIVAREZ, TUPAS AND UNGAB, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 242

AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN PARAÑAQUE CITY, METRO MANILA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (D) 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:

- SECTION 1. Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court with seats at Parañaque City, Metro Manila are hereby created in the National Capital Judicial Region.
- The Supreme Court shall assign the branch numbers of the newly created branches of the Regional Trial Court in the National Capital Judicial Region.
- SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the operationalization of the two (2) additional branches of

the Regional Trial Court to be stationed in Parafiaque City, Metro Manila, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

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

Approved,