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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 164

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights *and*
Finance on MAY 28 2015.

Re: H. No. 1771

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. 1771, introduced by Reps. Violago, Tupas, and Ungab, entitled:

**“AN ACT
CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL
BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN
THE THIRD JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN SAN
JOSE CITY, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, FURTHER
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (C)
AND SECTION 29 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, Lines 1 to 4, , change the paragraph "Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities are hereby created in the Third Judicial Region to be stationed in the Province of Nueva Ecija, with seats at" to **"An additional branch of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed in the City of San Jose, situated in the Province of Nueva Ecija is hereby created in the Third Judicial Region."**;
- 2) "Still on the same page and section, delete the entire lines 5 to 8";
- 3) "The last paragraph on Page 2, Lines 1 to 3, shall now become Section 2 of H. No. 1771; and renumber accordingly";
- 4) "On Page 2, Line 1, remove the word "respective" before the word "branch";
- 5) "On Page 2, Section 1, Line 1, change the word "numbers" to **"number"**; on line 2, change the word "branches" to **"branch"**; and delete the phrase "and the Municipal Trial Court in Cities";
- 6) "On Page 2, Section 2, Lines 6 to 7, delete the phrase ""the implementation of this Act." and the sentence "The funding therefor shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act" and change to **"the operationalization of the additional branch of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed in the City of San Jose, situated in the Province of Nueva Ecija, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act."**;
- 7) "On Page 2, Section 2, Line 7, 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."**;
- 8) "On Page 2, Section 3, Line 10, insert the phrase **"executive orders, and"** between the words "laws," and "rules";
- 9) "Still on Page 2, Section 4, Line 13, delete the phrase "in the Official Gazette or" and

- 10) Amend the title by changing the phrase “two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the Third Judicial Region to be Stationed in San Jose City, Province of Nueva Ecija ” to “**an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed in San Jose City, Situated in the Province of Nueva Ecija, in the Third Judicial Region**”, and deleting the phrase “and Section 29”, to read as follows:

**“AN ACT
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL
TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED IN SAN JOSE CITY,
SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, IN THE
THIRD JUDICIAL REGION, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (C) 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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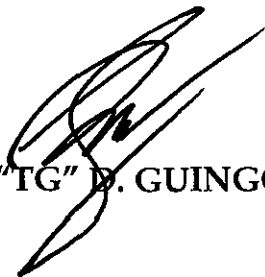


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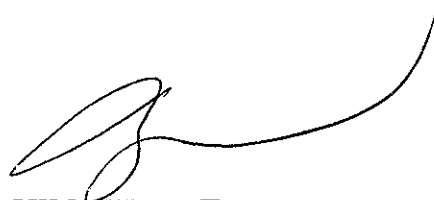


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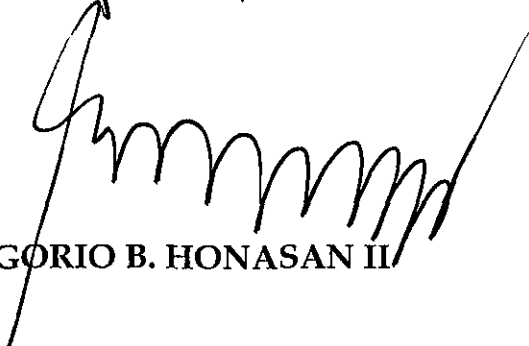


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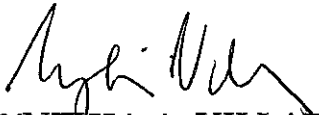
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 1771

BY REPRESENTATIVES VIOLAGO, TUPAS AND UNGAB

AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN SAN JOSE CITY, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECJA, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (C) AND SECTION 29 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
2 and two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities are
3 hereby created in the Third Judicial Region to be stationed in the Province of
4 Nueva Ecija, with seats at:

5 REGIONAL TRIAL COURT	ADDITIONAL BRANCHES
6 San Jose City	2
7 MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES	ADDITIONAL BRANCHES
8 San Jose City	2

1 The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers of the
2 newly created branches of the Regional Trial Court and the Municipal Trial
3 Court in Cities in the Third Judicial Region.

4 SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with
5 the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the
6 Court's program the implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall
7 likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

8 SEC. 3. Section 14(c) and Section 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129,
9 otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended,
10 and all other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act
11 are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,

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