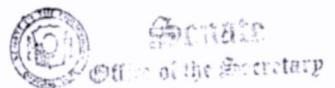


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 646

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance on  
FEB - 4 2019

Re: House Bill No. 3443

Recommending its approval without amendment.

Sponsor: Senator Richard J. Gordon

**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance, to which were referred **House Bill No. 3443**, introduced by Representatives Marlyn L. Primicias-Agabas, Reynaldo V. Umali, Karlo Alexei B. Nograles, et. al., entitled:

**"AN ACT  
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN  
THE FIRST JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF ASINGAN, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, 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 without amendment.

Respectfully submitted:

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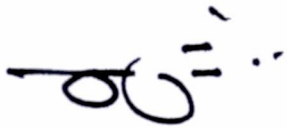
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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

H. No. 3443

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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. There is hereby created an additional branch of the  
2 Regional Trial Court in the First Judicial Region to be stationed in the  
3 Municipality of Asingan, Province of Pangasinan.

4           The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the newly created  
5 branch of the Regional Trial Court in the First Judicial Region.

6           SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with  
7 the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the

1 Court's program the operationalization of the Regional Trial Court branch to  
2 be stationed in the Municipality of Asingan, Province of Pangasinan, the  
3 funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

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

Approved,

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