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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 135**

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights and on Finance on **10 OCT 2006**

Re : House Bill No. 4739

Recommending its approval without amendment.

Sponsor : Senator Enrile *Enrile*

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**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committees on Justice and Human Rights and on Finance to which was referred House Bill No. 4739, introduced by Representatives Datumanong, Salceda and Susano, entitled:

**"AN ACT  
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH IN SHARIFF AGUAK, MAGUINDANAO AND TWO MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES BRANCHES IN COTABATO CITY, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTIONS 14 (M) AND 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, AND PROVIDING 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.

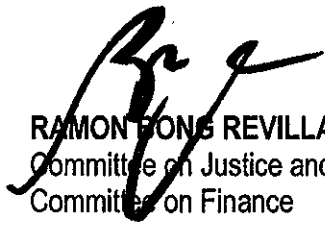
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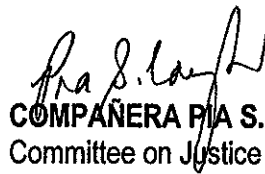
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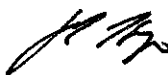


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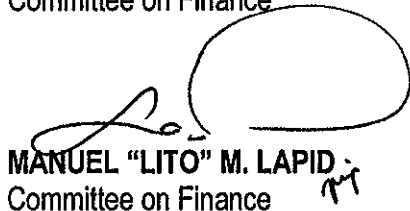
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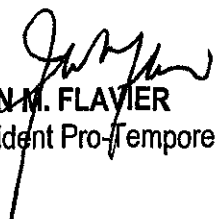
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4739

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BY REPRESENTATIVES DATUMANONG, SALCEDA AND SUSANO

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AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH IN SHARIFF AGUAK, MAGUINDANAO AND TWO MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES BRANCHES IN COTABATO CITY, AMENDING FOR THIS PURPOSE SECTIONS 14(M) AND 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSÁ BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1           SECTION I. Section 14(m) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise  
2 known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, as amended by Republic  
3 Act No. 7154, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

4                   "SEC. 14. *Regional Trial Courts.* –

5                   x   x   x

6                   (m) x   x   x There shall be:

7                   x   x   x

1                   x   x   x

2                   **[Three] FOUR** branches with seats thereat for the Province  
3                   of Maguindanao and the City of Cotabato, with seats at Cotabato  
4                   City and **[Maganoy] SHARIFF AGUAK, MAGUINDANAO;**

5                   x   x   x.”

6                   SEC. 2. Section 29 of the same law is hereby further amended to read  
7 as follows:

8                   “SEC 29. *Municipal Trial Courts in cities.* – In every city  
9                   which does not form part of a metropolitan area there shall be a  
10                  Municipal Trial Court with one branch except as hereunder  
11                  provided:

12                  x   x   x

13                  **THREE BRANCHES FOR COTABATO CITY;**

14                  x   x   x.”

15                  SEC. 3. The jurisdiction over cases cognizable by a Regional Trial  
16                  Court and Municipal Trial Court in Cities under existing laws, emanating from  
17                  the municipalities of Shariff Aguak, Ampatuan, Mamasapano, Talayan,  
18                  Guindulungan, Talitay, South Upi, Datu Abdullah Sangki, Datu Saudi, Datu  
19                  Piang, Datu Unsay, Sultan sa Barongis, Rajah Buayan, Salipada K. Pendatun,  
20                  Paglat, Buluan, Datu Paglas, Datu Montawal, and Pagalungan shall be lodged