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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 141**

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

Re : House Bill No. 5124

Recommending its approval without amendment.

Sponsor : Senator Enrile *[Signature]*

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**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committees on Justice and Human Rights and on Finance to which was referred House Bill No. 5124, introduced by Representatives Martinez, Datumanong and Andaya Jr., entitled:

**"AN ACT  
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF BOGO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (H) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7154, 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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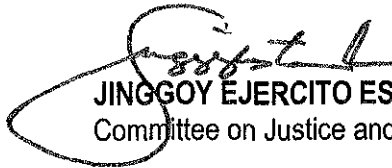
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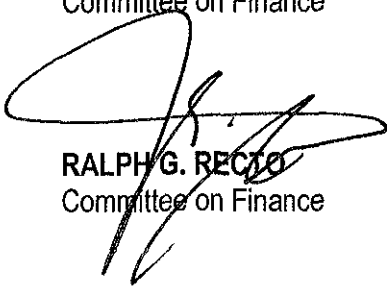
  
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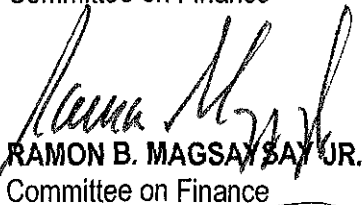
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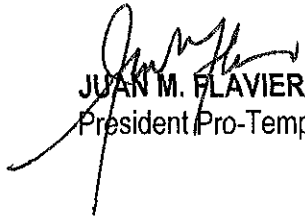
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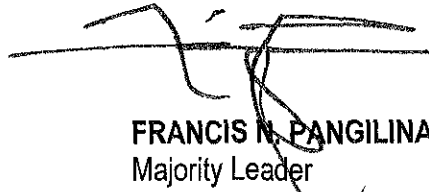
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5124

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BY REPRESENTATIVES MARTINEZ, DATUMANONG AND ANDAYA, PER  
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1411

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AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL  
TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU TO BE STATIONED  
AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF BOGO, AMENDING FOR THE  
PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (H) OF BATAS  
PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE  
JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED  
BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7154, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 14, paragraph (h) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129,  
2 otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, as amended, is  
3 hereby further amended to read as follows:

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

5                   x   x   x

1 (h) [Sixty-four] SIXTY-FIVE Regional Trial Judges shall

2 be commissioned for the Seventh Judicial Region. There shall  
3 be:

4 x x x

5 [Thirty-five] THIRTY-SIX branches with seats thereat for

6 the Province of Cebu and the Cities of Cebu, Danao, Lapu-Lapu,

7 Mandaue and Toledo, with seats at Cebu City, Danao City,

8 Argao, Lapu-Lapu City, Mandaue City, Toledo City, Barili;

9 Bogo, and Oslob;

10 x x x."

11 SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with  
12 the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the  
13 court's program the operationalization of an additional regional trial court  
14 branch for the Province of Cebu to be stationed at the Municipality of Bogo,  
15 the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations  
16 Act.

17 SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,