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SENATE

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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 142**

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

Re : House Bill No. 5125

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. 5125, introduced by Representatives Chipeco, Datumanong and Andaya Jr., entitled:

**“AN ACT  
CREATING THREE BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE  
PROVINCE OF LAGUNA TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABUYAO,  
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (E) OF BATAS  
PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY  
REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”**

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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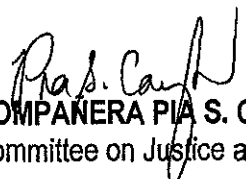
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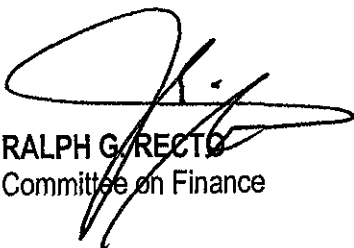


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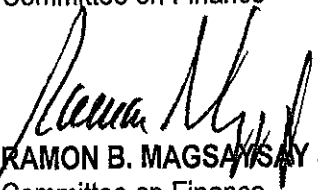


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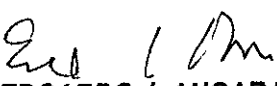


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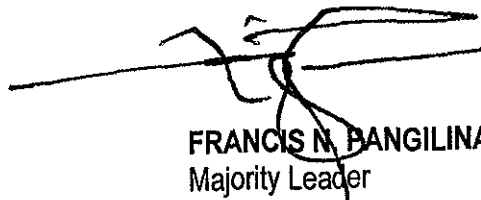
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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5125

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BY REPRESENTATIVES CHIPECO, DATUMANONG AND ANDAYA, PER  
COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1413

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AN ACT CREATING THREE BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABUYAO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (E.) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 14, paragraph (e) 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           (e) [Ninety-seven] **ONE HUNDRED** Regional Trial Judges  
2 shall be commissioned for the Fourth Judicial Region. There  
3 shall be:

4           Nineteen branches [with seats thereat] for the Province of  
5 Batangas and the Cities of Lipa and Batangas, with seats at  
6 Batangas City, Lemery, Taal, Tanauan, Balayan, Lipa City,  
7 Nasugbu, and Rosario;

8           Twelve branches [with seats thereat] for the Province of  
9 Cavite and the Cities of Cavite, Tagaytay and Trece Martires,  
10 with seats at Naic, Cavite City, Tagaytay City, Bacoor, Imus,  
11 Trece Martires City, and Dasmariñas;

12           [Seventeen] **TWENTY** branches [with seats thereat] for  
13 the Province of Laguna and the City of San Pablo, with seats at  
14 Biñan, San Pedro, Sta. Cruz, San Pablo City, Siniloan, [and]  
15 Calamba, **AND CABUYAO**;

16           Two branches for the Province of Marinduque, with seats  
17 at Boac;

18           Five branches [with seats thereat] for the Province of  
19 Mindoro Oriental, with seats at Calapan, Pinamalayan, and  
20 Roxas;

1           Three branches [with seats thereat] for the Province of  
2 Mindoro Occidental, with seats at Mamburao and San Jose;

3           Seven branches [with seats thereat] for the Province of  
4 Palawan and the City of Puerto Princesa, with seats at Puerto  
5 Princesa City, Roxas, Brooke's Point, and Coron;

6           Fourteen branches [with seats thereat] for the Province of  
7 Quezon and the City of Lucena, with seats at Lucena City,  
8 Gumaca, Calauag, Mauban, Infanta, and Catanauan;

9           Two branches for the Province of Aurora, with seats at  
10 Baler;

11          Fourteen branches [with seats thereat] for the Province of  
12 Rizal, except the cities and municipalities embraced within the  
13 National Capital Judicial Region, with seats at Binangonan,  
14 Antipolo, San Mateo, Morong, and Tanay; and

15          Two branches [with seats thereat] for the Province of  
16 Romblon, with seats at Romblon and Odiongan.”

17          SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with  
18 the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the  
19 Court's program the operationalization of the three regional trial court  
20 branches for the Province of Laguna to be stationed at the Municipality of

1 Cabuyao, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General  
2 Appropriations Act.

3 SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, orders or parts thereof inconsistent with this  
4 Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

5 SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,