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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 145**

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

Re : House Bill No. 5128

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. 5128, introduced by Representatives Garcia (A.), Datumanong and Andaya Jr., entitled:

**"AN ACT  
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF BATAAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (C) 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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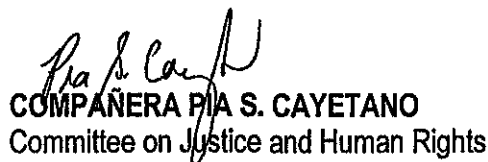
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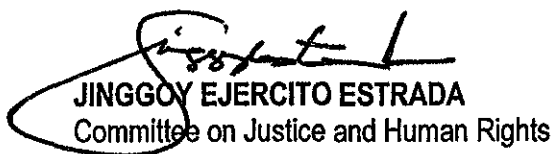


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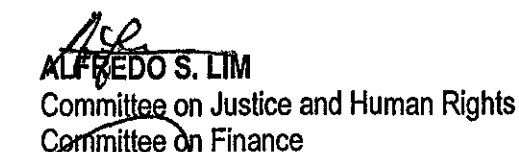


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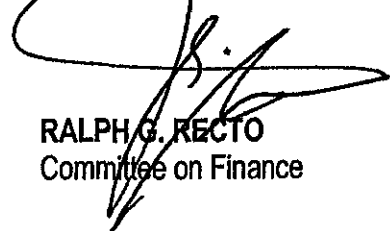


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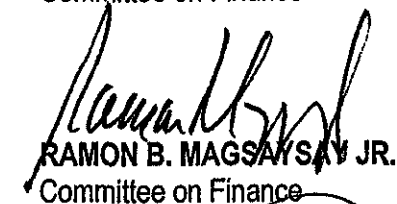


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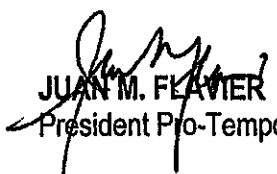
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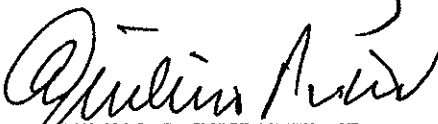
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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 5128

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BY REPRESENTATIVES GARCIA (A.), ROMAN, DATUMANONG AND ANDAYA,  
PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1416

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AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PILAR, PROVINCE OF BATAAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (C) 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 (c) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129,  
2 otherwise known as the Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980, as amended by  
3 Republic Act No. 7154, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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

5                       x    x    x

6                       (c) [Eighty-nine] NINETY Regional Trial Judges shall be  
7 commissioned for the Third Judicial Region. There shall be:

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[Five] SIX branches with seats thereat for the Province of Bataan, with seats at Balanga, PILAR, Mariveles, and Dinalupihan;

x x x.”

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

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

Approved,