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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 239

Submitted by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance on

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Re : House Bill No. 1423.

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor: Senator Escudero.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Justice and Human Rights; and Finance to which was referred House Bill No. 1423, introduced by Representatives Garcia (A), Defensor (M), Lagman, Gonzales (N), Guinigundo, Chiongbian, Marañon, Domogan, Castro, Arnaiz, Coquilla, Chipeco, Jala and Agyao, entitled:

**“AN ACT
CREATING AND ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ORION, PROVINCE OF BATAAN,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (C) OF
BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG ISANG DAAN AT DALAWAMPU’T SIYAM,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF
1980”, AS AMENDED BY R.A. 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 with the following amendments:


1. On page 1, line 6, delete the word “FOUR” after the word “Ninety”;
2. On the same page, line 8, delete the word “Six” and in lieu thereof, insert the Word “TEN”;
3. On the same page, line 9, delete the word “Orion” after the word “Balanga” And comma (,);
4. On page 2, lines 4 and 5, delete the phrase “an additional branch of the regional trial court for the Province of Bataan to be stationed at the Municipality of Orion” between the words “of” and “the” and in lieu thereof

- insert the phrase "FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCHES IN THE CITY OF BALANGA AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MARIVELES AND DINALUPIHAN, PROVINCE OF BATAAN";
5. On page 1, on the title of the bill, delete the article "An" found after the word "Creating" and in lieu thereof insert the word "TWO";
 6. On the same page, on the title of the bill, change the word "Branch" after the word "Additional" and in lieu thereof insert the word "BRANCHES";
 7. On the same page, on the title of the bill, delete the phrase "Municipality of Orion, Province of Bataan" after the word "In" and in lieu thereof, insert the phrase "THE CITY OF BALANGA AND THREE ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MARIVELES AND DINALUPIHAN, PROVINCE OF BATAAN".


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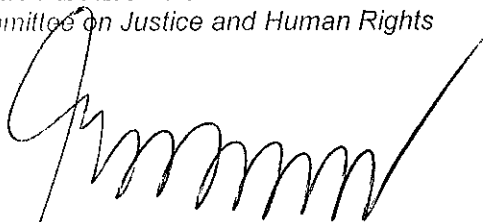

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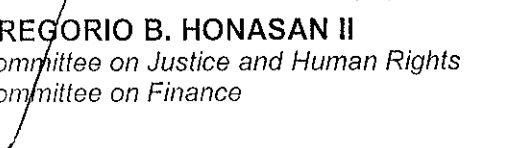
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 1423

BY REPRESENTATIVES GARCIA (A.), DEFENSOR (M.), LAGMAN, GONZALES (N.), GUNIGUNDO, CHIONGBIAN, MARAÑON, DOMOGAN, CASTRO, ARNAIZ, COQUILLA, CHIPECO, JALA AND AGYAO

AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ORION, PROVINCE OF BATAAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (C) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG ISANG DAAN AT DALAWAMPU'T SIYAM, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED BY R.A. 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
3 by Republic Act of 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
7 be commissioned for the *Third Judicial Region*. There shall be:

8 "[Five] **SIX** branches with seats thereat for the Province of
9 Bataan, with seats at Balanga, **ORION**, Mariveles, and
10 Dinalupihan;

1 “x x x”.

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

8 SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
 Approved,

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