

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 835

Submitted by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on
Appropriations on 24 MAR 2011

Re: House Bill No. **4473**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 1115

Sponsors: Representatives Niel C. Tupas, Jr., Joseph Emilio A.
Abaya and Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez

Mr. Speaker:

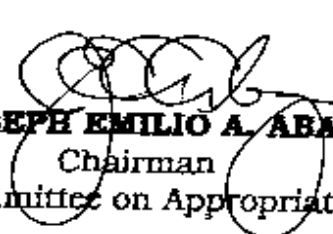
The Committee on Justice and the Committee on
Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 1115, introduced
by Representative Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, entitled:

**"AN ACT
CREATING ADDITIONAL TWO (2) BRANCHES OF THE
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT (RTC) IN THE CITY OF
TACLOBAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 29
OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS
AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR".**

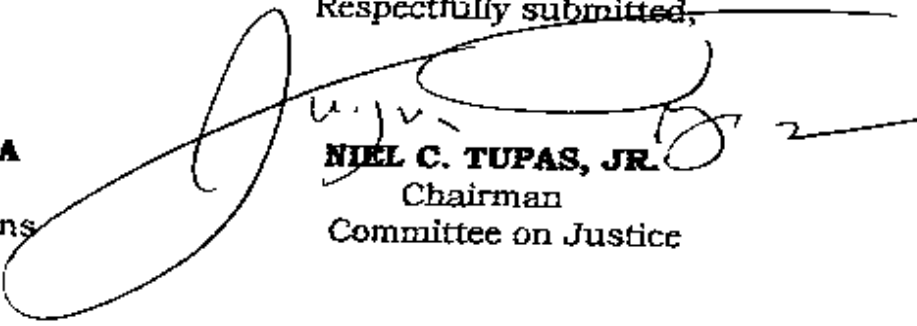
have considered the same and recommend that the attached House
Bill No. **4473**, entitled:

**"AN ACT
CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE
TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF TACLOBAN,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH
(I) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980" AS
AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"**

be approved in substitution of HB No. 1115 with Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Niel C. Tupas, Jr., Joseph Emilio A. Abaya, Raul A. Daza, Lorenzo R. Tanada III, Rodolfo C. Farinas, Romero Federico S. Quimbo, Victorino Dennis M. Socrates, Nelson P. Collantes, Rodolfo B. Albano, Jr. Rufus B. Rodriguez, Bernardo M. Vergara, Carmelo Lazatin, Rodel Batocabe, Magtanggol Gunigundo I, Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, Karlo Nograles, Tobias Tiangco, Florencio C. Garay, Elpidio F. Barzaga, Isidro T. Ungab, Mark Aeron II. Sambar, George P. Arnaiz, Emil L. Ong, Manuel S. Agyao, Irvin M. Alcala, Roberto V. Puno, Rodante D. Marcoleta, Mark Llandro L. Mendoza, Ma. Carmen Zamora-Apsay, Eduardo R. Gullas, Tomas V. Apacible, Emmeline Y. Aglipay, Reynaldo V. Umali, Teodoro A. Casiño, Vincent P. Crisologo, Ma. Theresa B. Bonoan-David and Roger G. Mercado as authors thereof.


JOSEPH EMILIO A. ABAYA
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations

Respectfully submitted,


NIEL C. TUPAS, JR.
Chairman
Committee on Justice

The Honorable
The Speaker
House of Representatives
Quezon City

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 4473

Introduced by Representatives Romualdez, Tupas, Jr., Abaya, Daza, Tañada, Fariñas, Quimbo, Socrates, Collantes, Albano, R. Rodriguez, Vergara, Lazatin, Batocabe, Garay, Gunigundo, Madrona, Nograles, Tiangco, Agyao, Barzaga, Ungab, Sambar, Arnaiz, Ong, Alcala, Puno, Marcoleta, M. Mendoza, Zamora-Apsay, Gullas, Apacible, Aglipay, R. Umali, Casiño, Crisologo, Bonoan-David and Mercado

AN ACT
CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF TACLOBAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (I), OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980" AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Two (2) additional Regional Trial Court branches are hereby created in the Eighth Judicial Region with seats at the City of Tacloban, Province of Tacloban

The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the newly-created branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Eighth Judicial Region.

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 two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Province of Leyte to be stationed at the City of Tacloban, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Section 14 (i) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as
"The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980" as amended, and all other laws, rules and
regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or
modified accordingly

Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1115

Introduced by HONORABLE FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Recognizing the pressing need of providing for an expeditious and competent administration of justice, no less than Section 16 Article 3 of our Constitution mandates that "all persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial and administrative bodies." Unfortunately, however, this does not hold true in most parts of our country including the Eighth Judicial Region where the city of Tacloban is.

In Tacloban, the large number of pending undecided cases may be explained by the rapid population growth and increase in industrial and commercial activities in the city because of its conversion into a highly urbanized city on December 17, 2008. This development has drastically changed the socio-economic landscape of the city and effected an alarming upsurge in criminal and civil cases being filed in the existing branches of the Regional Trial Courts in Cities (RTC).

The situation where more cases are raffled to each branch compared to the number of cases that each judge can humanely dispose creates demoralization and apathy to the judge.

Hence, the creation of additional branches of the regional trial courts to be stationed in Tacloban City will considerably reduce the backlog of unattended and undisposed cases.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ

**Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City**

**FOURTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1115

Introduced by HONORABLE FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ

**AN ACT
CREATING ADDITIONAL TWO (2) BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT (RTC) IN THE CITY OF TACLOBAN, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS
AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. Section 14, paragraph (i) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129,
otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980 as amended, is
hereby amended to read as follows:

**SEC. 14. Regional Trial Courts.*

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(i) [Thirty-three] THIRTY-FIVE Regional Trial Judges shall be
commissioned for the Eighth Judicial Region. There shall be:

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~~[Thirteen]~~ FIFTEEN branches (Branches VI to XVIII) for the province of Leyte, the sub-province of Biliran, and the cities of Ormoc and Tacloban, Branches VI and IX with seats at Tacloban City, Branch X at Abuyog, Branch XI at Calubian, Branch XII at Ormoc City, Branch XIII at Carigara, Branch XIV at Baybay, Branch XV at Burauen, Branch XVI at Naval, Branch XVII at Palompon, and Branch XVIII at Hilongos;

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SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall assign two additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in Tacloban City, Province of Leyte in accordance with this Act.

SEC. 3. 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 two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Province of Leyte, to be stationed in the City of Tacloban, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,



Republic of the Philippines
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

HON. JOSEPH EMILIO A. ABAYA

*Congressman, 1st District, Cavite
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations*

February 2, 2011

HON. NIEL C. TUPAS, JR.

*Chairperson
Committee on Justice*

Dear *Chairperson Tupas*:

Please be informed that the Committee on Appropriations in its meeting held today at Conference Rooms 9 and 10, Ramon V. Mitra Building, approved to report out the following bills without amendment:

1. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 3206, entitled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABAGAN, PROVINCE OF ISABELA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (B) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
2. Substitute Bill to House Bill Nos. 60 and 2157, entitled "AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF DAVAO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (L), OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980". AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
3. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 126, entitled "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF COMPOSTELA AND MABINI, COMPOSTELA VALLEY PROVINCE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (L) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980". AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";

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4. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 142, entitled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL ~~BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF BATANGAS TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF TANAUAN,~~ 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";
5. Substitute Bill to House Bill Nos. 163 and 688, entitled "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND SIX (6) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF VALENZUELA, METRO MANILA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (d) AND SECTION 27 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
6. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 335, entitled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF PILI, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (F) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
7. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 1108, entitled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF CAJIDIOCAN, ISLAND OF SIBUYAN, PROVINCE OF ROMBLON, 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";
8. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 1115, entitled "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF TACLOBAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (I) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
9. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 1174, entitled "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAROTAC VIEJO, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (G) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
10. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 1315, entitled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF BISLIG, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (L) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";

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- ~~11~~. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 1482, entitled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF BOGO, PROVINCE OF CEBU, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (H) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
- ~~12~~. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 2226, entitled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF LUBUAGAN, PROVINCE OF KALINGA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (B) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
- ~~13~~. Substitute Bill to House Bill Nos. 2049, 2178 and 2179, entitled "AN ACT CREATING FIVE (5) BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF CALAMBA AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LOS BANOS AND CABUYAO, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, 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";
- ~~14~~. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 2721, entitled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF SAGAY, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (G) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
- ~~15~~. Substitute Bill to House Bill Nos. 525, 526 and 527, entitled "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND A BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF CEBU TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITIES OF NAGA AND CARCAR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (H) AND SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
- ~~16~~. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 619, entitled "AN ACT CREATING A REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH IN THE PROVINCE OF AURORA TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF CASIGURAN, 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";
- ~~17~~. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 1407, entitled "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF MISAMIS ORIENTAL WITH SEATS AT CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129,

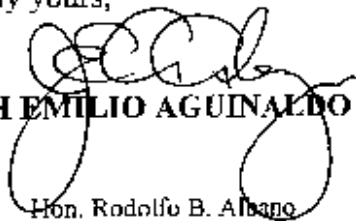
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980". AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";

18. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 1455, entitled "AN ACT CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR TO BE STATIONED AT ZAMBOANGA CITY AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (J) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980". AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
19. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 1904, entitled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH IN THE PROVINCE OF CAVITE TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARMONA, 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";
20. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 2720, entitled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUIMBAL, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (G) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
21. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 3060, entitled "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCHES IN THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA TO BE STATIONED AT STA. ROSA CITY, 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";
22. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 3229, entitled "AN ACT CREATING FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT BRANCHES IN MUNTINLUPA CITY, METRO MANILA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 27 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
23. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 3256, entitled "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCHES IN THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITIES OF LA CARLOTA AND BAGO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (G) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
24. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 3459, entitled "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN TO BE STATIONED AT PUERTO PRINCESA CITY, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129,

OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980". AS
AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"; and

26. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 2395, entitled "AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF NAVOTAS, METRO MANILA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (D) AND SECTION 27 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";

Very truly yours,


JOSEPH EMILIO AGUINALDO ABAYA *et al.*

cc. Hon. Rodolfo B. Albano
Hon. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles
Hon. Maria Carmen Zamora-Apsay
Hon. Nelson P. Collantes
Hon. Magtanggol T. Gumigundo I
Hon. Rexlon T. Gatchalian
Hon. Luis R. Villafuerte
Hon. Jesus F. Madrona
Hon. Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez
Hon. Florencio C. Garay
Hon. Benhur L. Salimbangon
Hon. Manuel S. Agyao
Hon. Justin Marc SB. Chipeco
Hon. Alfredo D. Marañon III
Hon. Eduardo R. Gullas
Hon. Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara
Hon. Rufus B. Rodriguez
Hon. Maximo B. Rodriguez
Hon. Maria Isabelle G. Climaco
Hon. Roy M. Loyola
Hon. Janette L. Garin
Hon. Danilo Ramon S. Fernandez
Hon. Rodolfo G. Biazon
Hon. Jeffrey P. Ferrer
Hon. Dennis M. Socrates
Hon. Tobias M. Tiangco

FACT SHEET

Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 1115 (As approved by the Committee on February 09, 2011)

AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF TACLOBAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (I) OF BATAAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980" AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

*Introduced by: REPS. FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ, NIEL C. TUPAS, JR.
AND JOSEPH EMILIO A. ABAYA*

*Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE (PRIMARY)
Committee Chairperson: REP. NIEL C. TUPAS, JR.
Committee Referral: COMMITTEES ON APPROPRIATIONS (SECONDARY)
Committee Chairpersons: REP. JOSEPH EMILIO A. ABAYA*

OBJECTIVES:

- To reduce the backlog of unattended and undisposed criminal and civil cases owing to the alarming upsurge in criminal and civil cases being filed in the existing branches of the RTC as a result of the rapid population growth and increase in industrial and commercial activities in Tacloban.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Provides for the creation of two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed in Tacloban City, Province of Leyte.
- Provides that 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 the two RTC branches, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA).

RELATED LAW:

- Section 14 (i), BP 129, as amended



House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department

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Time: 1:45 pm

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Quezon City, Metro Manila
15th Congress
1st Regular Session

COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

FOR : THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
THRU : THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL FOR COMMITTEE AFFAIRS
RE : SPOT REPORT OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE HELD ON 09
FEBRUARY 2011, TUESDAY, 9:30 A.M. AT CONFERENCE ROOM NO 11, MITRA
BUILDING, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DATE : 09 FEBRUARY 2011

A. JOINT WITH THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

- The Committee on Justice and the Committee on Human Rights approved the Committee Report on the Substitute Bill to House Bill Nos. 307, 440 and 629, respectively authored by Reps. Roilo Golez, Juan Edgardo Angara and Simeon Datumanong, re: Defining the Use and Protection of the Red Cross, Red Crescent, Red Crystal and Red Lion and Sun Emblems, Providing Penalties for Violations Thereof and for Other Purposes.

B. COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

- The Committee on Justice approved the Committee Report on the Substitute Bill to House Bill Nos. 214, 237, 1767, 2438, 2681, 2795 and 3834, respectively authored by Reps. Magtanggol Gunigundo I, Pedro Romualdo, Florencio Miraflores, Mercedes Alvarez, Rogelio Espina, George Amaiz, Rufus Rodriguez and Maximo Rodriguez re: Further Authorizing the City or Municipal Civil Registrar or the Consul General to Correct Clerical or Typographical Error in the Date of Birth or Sex of a Person Appearing in the Civil Register Without Need of a Judicial Order, Amending for the Purpose the Pertinent Provisions of Republic Act No. 9048. Reps. Teodoro Casiño and Rene Relampagos, chairman of the Committee on Human Rights, manifested their intention to be made co-authors of the substitute bill.
- The Committee also approved the Committee Report on the various substitute bills to House Bills re: creation of additional court salas, to wit:
 - HB Nos. 60 and 2157 re: 3 RTC branches (Davao City) by Rep. Karlo Nograles
 - HB Nos. 126 re: 2 RTC branches (Municipalities of Compostela and Mabini, Province of Compostela Valley) by Rep. Ma. Carmen Zamora-Apsay
 - HB No. 142 re: RTC branch (City of Tanauan, Batangas) by Rep. Nelson Collantes
 - HB No. 163 and 688 re: 6 MeTC branches and 2 RTC branches (Valenzuela City) by Reps. Magtanggol Gunigundo I and Rexion Gatchalian

- HB No. 335 re: RTC branch (Pili, Camarines Sur) by Rep. Luis Villafuerte
- HB Nos. 525, 526 and 527 re: 2 RTC branches and MTC branch (Naga City and Carcar City, Cebu) by Rep. Eduardo Guillas
- HB No. 1108 re: RTC branch (Municipality of Cajidiocan, Romblon) by Rep. Eleandro Jesus Madrona
- HB No. 1115 re: 2 RTC branches Tacloban) by Rep. Ferdinand Martin Romualdez
- HB No. 1174 re: 2 RTC branches (Barotac Viejo, Iloilo) by Rep. Niel Tupas, Jr.
- HB No. 1315 re: RTC branch (Bislig, Surigao del Sur) by Rep. Florencio Garay
- HB No. 1482 re: RTC branch (Bogo, Cebu City) by Rep. Benhur Salimbaron
- HB Nos. 2049, 2178 and 2179 re: 5 RTC branches (Calamba, Cabuyao and Los Baños, Laguna) by Rep. Justin Chipeco
- HB No. 2226 re: RTC branch (Lubuagan, Kalinga) by Rep. Manuel Agyao
- HB No. 2721 re: RTC branch (Sagay City, Negros Occidental) by Rep. Alfredo Marañon III
- HB No. 619 re: RTC branch (Casiguran, Aurora) by Rep. Juan Edgardo Angara
- HB No. 1407 re: 1407 re: 2 MTC branches (Cagayan de Oro) by Rep. Rufus Rodriguez
- HB Nos. 426 and 1455 re: 4 RTC branches (Zamboanga City) by Rep. Maria Isabelle Climaco and Erico Basilio Fabian
- HB No. 1904 re: RTC branch (Carmona, Cavite) by Rep. Roy Loyola
- HB No. 2720 re: RTC branch (Guimbal, Iloilo) by Rep. Janette Garin
- HB No. 3060 re: 2 RTC branches (Sta. Rosa, Laguna) by Rep. Danilo Ramon Fernandez
- HB No. 3229 re: 5 MeTC branches (Muntinlupa City) by Rep. Rodolfo Biazon
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