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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

First Regular Session



COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 838

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

Re: House Bill No. 4476

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill Nos. 2049, 2178 and 2179

Sponsors: Representatives Niel C. Tupas, Jr., Joseph Emilio A. Abaya and Justin Marc SB. Chipeco

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations, to which were referred House Bill No. 2049, introduced by Representative Justin Marc SB. Chipeco, entitled:

**"AN ACT
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE CITY OF CALAMBA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 PARAGRAPH (E) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"**

and House Bill No. 2178, introduced by Representative Justin Marc SB. Chipeco, entitled:

**"AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THREE (3) BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CABUYAO, LAGUNA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

and House Bill No. 2179, introduced by Representative Justin Marc SB. Chipeco, entitled:

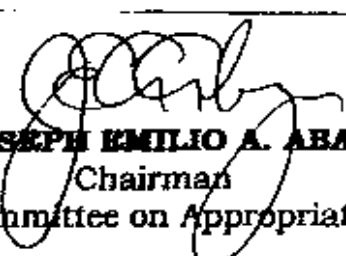
**"AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR ONE (1) BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 OF BATAS
PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES"**

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. ~~4476~~, entitled:

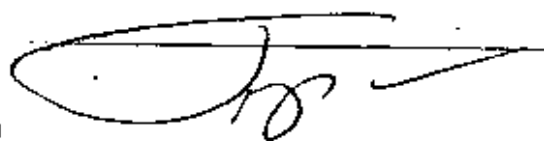
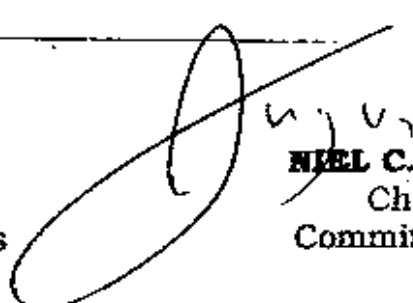
**"AN ACT
CREATING FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF
CALAMBA AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LOS BAÑOS AND
CABUYAO, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, AMENDING
FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (E) OF BATAS
PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY
REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980" AS AMENDED, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"**

be approved in substitution of House Bill Nos. 2049, 2178 and 2179 with Representatives Justin Marc SB. Chipeco, Niel C. Tupas, Jr., Joseph Emilo A. Abaya, Raul A. Daza, Lorenzo R. Tañada III, Rodolfo C. Fariñas, 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, Manuel S. Agyao, Elpidio F. Barzaga, Isidro T. Ungab, Mark Aeron H. Sambar, George P. Arnaiz, Emil L. Ong, 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.

Respectfully submitted,



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NIEL C. TUPAS, JR.
Chairman
Committee on Justice

The Honorable
The Speaker
House of Representatives
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. **4476**

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

AN ACT
CREATING FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF CALAMBA AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LOS BAÑOS 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

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

1 SECTION 1. Five (5) additional Regional Trial Court branches in the Fourth
2 Judicial Region are hereby created with seats at the City of Calamba and the
3 Municipalities of Los Baños and Cabuyao, all in the Province of Laguna.

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

6 SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary
7 of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the
8 operationalization of five (5) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed at
9 the City of Calamba and the municipalities of Los Baños and Cabuyao, all in the Province of
10 Laguna, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

1 SEC. 3. The Supreme Court shall issue the necessary rules and regulations for the
2 ~~effective implementation of this Act and if warranted, the realignment of seats of existing~~
3 branches and their territorial jurisdiction.

4 SEC. 4. Section 14 (e) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as
5 "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980" as amended, and all other laws, rules and
6 regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or
7 modified accordingly.

8 SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
9 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation

10 Approved,

FACT SHEET

Substitute Bill to House Bill Nos. 2049, 2178 and 2179
(As approved by the Committee on February 09, 2011)

AN ACT CREATING FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF CALAMBA AND THE MUNICIPALITIES OF LOS BAÑOS 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

*Introduced by: REPS. JUSTIN MARC SB CHIPECO, 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 provide a more efficacious judicial system and administration of justice in Laguna by addressing the need for more RTC branches to help ease the increasing caseload of the existing courts in Calamba City, Los Baños and Cabuyao.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Provides for the creation of five (5) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court to be stationed in the City of Calamba and the Municipalities of Cabuyao and Los Baños, all in the Province of Laguna.
- 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 five (5) additional RTC branches, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA).

RELATED LAW:

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