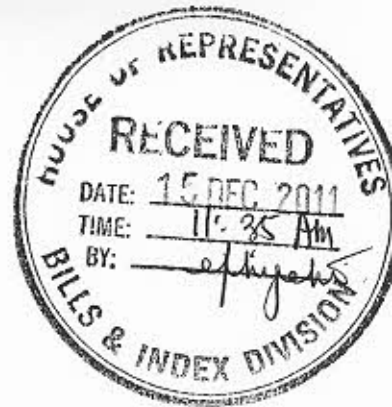


Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
Second Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 5844



Introduced by: Rep. V. Dennis M. Socrates

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill was recently filed in the Senate of the Philippines this 15th Congress. This representation took note of the noble intent of the measure and saw it fit for the House of Representatives to deliberate upon. Moreover, if approved, it would benefit the Province of Palawan. At this point and time, the said bill is being calendared in the Senate for first reading on grounds enumerated hereunder, to wit;

Section 16, Article 111 of our Constitution gives each person the right to a speedy trial, it provides that: "All persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies."

The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980 (BP 129) allotted the corresponding number of courts per judicial region based on the exigencies existing at that time.

Twenty seven years have passed since the effectivity of BP129.

Because of the increase in our population and in the increase in the volume of cases filed, our court dockets have been clogged and this has resulted in the delay in the resolution of cases.

In order to improve the disposition and administration of justice and to ensure the right to a speedy trial, the number of courts must necessarily be increased.

In view of the foregoing circumstances, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


V. Dennis M. Socrates

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5644

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**AN ACT CREATING THREE ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE
STATIONED AT THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA, PROVINCE OF
PALAWAN, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS
PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY
REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980," AS AMENDED, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF**

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

SECTION 1. Three (3) additional Regional Trial Court branches for Puerto Princesa, Palawan, with seats thereat, are hereby created in the fourth Judicial Region.

SECTION 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches.

SECTION 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 implementation of this Act. The funding thereof shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. Section 14 (e) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980," as amended, as well as other provisions that may be inconsistent herewith, is hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further amended.

SECTION 5. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after completion of its publication in the Official Gazette or two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,

