

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

Third Regular Session

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. **2618**

Submitted by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations on
~~28 JAN 2013~~

Re: House Bill No. **6847**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5533

Sponsors: Representatives Niel C. Tupas, Jr., Jocelyn S. Limkaichong and Marc
Douglas C. Cagas IV

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 5533, introduced by Representative Marc Douglas C. Cagas IV, entitled:

‘AN ACT
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH FOR THE REGIONAL
TRIAL COURT IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE
STATIONED AT THE CITY OF DIGOS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL
SUR, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS
PAMBANSA BILANG 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.
6847, entitled:

AN ACT
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED
AT THE CITY OF Digos, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR,
FURTHER 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

be approved in substitution of HB No. 5533, with Representatives Marc Douglas C. Cagas IV, Niel C. Tupas, Jr., and Jocelyn S. Limkaichong, as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



JOCELYN S. LIMKAICHONG
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations



NIEL C. TUPAS, JR.
Chairperson
Committee on Justice

The Honorable
The Speaker
House of Representatives
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HOUSE BILL NO. **6847**

Introduced by Representatives Marc Douglas C. Cagas IV, Niel C. Tupas, Jr.
and Jocelyn S. Linakaichong

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CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL
COURT IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED
AT THE CITY OF DIGOS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR, FURTHER
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

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

1 SECTION 1. An additional branch of the Regional Trial Court to be
2 stationed at Digos City, Davao del Sur is hereby created in the Eleventh
3 Judicial Region.

4 SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the
5 newly-created Regional Trial Court branch in the Eleventh Judicial Region.

6 SEC. 3. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with
7 the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the
8 Court's program the implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall
9 likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

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

8 Approved,

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

Fifteenth Congress
Second Regular Session

HOUSE BILL No. 5533

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MARC DOUGLAS C. CAGAS IV

AN ACT
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN
THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF
DIGOS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE
JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980," AS AMENDED, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Enshrined within the Bill of Rights of our Constitution is Section 16 of Article III, which gives each person the right to a speedy trial and provides that: "All persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial, or administrative bodies."

This burden must be mostly handled by the courts as they interpret the law and dispense justice. It is but logical therefore that their number should increase as our general population continually grows. To do otherwise would work an injustice for the individuals who need the intervention of these same courts as there is an ever-growing increase in the number of cases assigned to the already over-burdened trial courts.

Case in point, the existing three (3) branches of the Regional Trial Court of Digos City have a combined caseload of 1,886 active cases on its dockets, or an average of 629 cases per branch. Working 25 days a month, each court must hold trial for roughly 25 cases for each and every day just to be able to hear all its cases at least once a month. Clearly, these numbers cannot be achieved without compromising the integrity of the law or the health of the court's personnel. The increase in population meant an increase in the volume of cases filed, causing clogged court dockets has resulted in the delay in the resolution of cases.

Twenty-Seven years ago, 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. Piecemeal legislation has amended this law increasing the number of branches in some specific judicial regions, not including Digos City of the Eleventh Judicial Region.

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, approval of this bill is most earnestly recommended.

MDC Cagas

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HOUSE BILL No. 5533

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MARC DOUGLAS C. CAGAS IV

AN ACT
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PURPOSE 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 House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. An additional Regional Trial Court branch for Digos City, Davao
del Sur, with seat thereat, is hereby created in the Eleventh Judicial Region.

SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch number for the
newly created branch.

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

SEC. 4. Section 14 (1) 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.

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

Approved,


MARC DOUGLAS C. CAGAS IV



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

HON. JOCELYN S. LIMKAICHONG

Representative, 1st District, Negros Oriental
Chairperson, Committee on Appropriations

January 22, 2013

HON. NEIL 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 14 & 15, Ramon V. Mitra Building, approved to report out the following measures without amendment:

1. House Bill No. 3728, titled "AN ACT CREATING TWO ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT INITAO, MISAMIS ORIENTAL, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980," AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
2. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 4265, titled "AN ACT CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF CALOOCAN, METRO MANILA, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (D) 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. 4772, titled "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE EIGHT JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF TACLOBAN, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, 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";
4. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 5514, titled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF KIDAPAWAN, PROVINCE OF NORTH COTABATO, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (M), OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980' AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
5. House Bill No. 5531, titled "AN ACT CREATING FOUR ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF OLONGAPO, PROVINCE OF ZAMBALES, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980,' AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";

6. House Bill No. 5558, titled "AN ACT CREATING TWELVE ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRIAL COURT IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF PASIG, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980,' AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
7. House Bill no. 5895, titled "AN ACT CREATING SIX ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF BIÑAN, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980,' AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
8. House Bill No. 5896, titled "AN ACT CREATING THREE ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN PEDRO, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980,' AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
9. House Bill No. 6459, titled "AN ACT CREATING A REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCH IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALABANGA, 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";
10. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 6573, titled "AN ACT CREATING A BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF DAANBANTAYAN PROVINCE OF CEBU, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980' AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
11. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 5532, titled "AN ACT CREATING SIX (6) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCHES IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF ANGELES, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (C) 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. 5516, titled "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURT BRANCHES IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF IPIL, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY, FURTHER 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";
13. Substitute Bill to House Bill Numbers 5519 and 5559, titled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES AND FIFTEEN (15) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF ANTIPOLLO, PROVINCE OF RIZAL, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (C) AND SECTION 29 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. 5533, titled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF DIGOS, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL SUR, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGARPH (L) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980' AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";

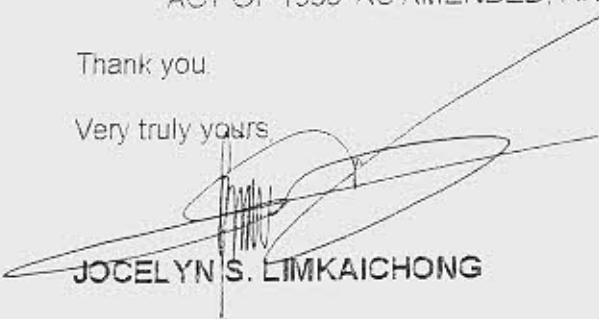
15. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 5534, titled "AN ACT CREATING THREE ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF MALOLOS, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (C) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980' AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
16. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 5539, titled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SINILUAN, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, FURTHER 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. 5540, titled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, FURTHER 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";
18. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 5544, titled "AN ACT CREATING THREE (3) 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 SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (E) 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. 5562, titled "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARGAO, PROVINCE OF CEBU, FURTHER 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";
20. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 5563, titled "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF BARILI, PROVINCE OF CEBU, FURTHER 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";
21. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 5564, titled "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF TOLEDO, PROVINCE OF CEBU, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION (14) 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. 5604 titled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF TALIBON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, FURTHER 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";

23. Substitute Bill to House Bill Nos. 5619 and 5775, titled "AN ACT CREATING SIX (6) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES AND AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF CEBU, PROVINCE OF CEBU, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980' AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
24. House Bill No. 5659, titled "AN ACT CREATING TWO ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT URDANETA CITY, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980' AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
25. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 6080, titled "AN ACT CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE CITIES OF ALAMINOS, DAGUPAN AND SAN CARLOS AND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LINGAYEN, ALL SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980' AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
26. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 5668, titled "AN ACT CREATING SEVEN (7) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MORONG AND SAN MATEO, PROVINCE OF RIZAL, FURTHER 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";
27. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 5761, titled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF MIDSAYAP, PROVINCE OF NORTH COTABATO, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (M), OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980' AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
28. House Bill No. 5910, titled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF COTABATO, PROVINCE OF MAGUINDANAO, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980' AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
29. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 6574, titled "AN ACT CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF BAIS, PROVINCE OF NEGROS ORIENTAL, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (H), OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980' AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"; and

30. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 6659, titled "AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FOURTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUMACA, PROVINCE OF QUEZON, FURTHER 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".

Thank you.

Very truly yours



JOCELYN S. LIMKAICHONG

cc: Rep. Rufus B. Rodriguez
Rep. Maximo B. Rodriguez, Jr.
Rep. Oscar G. Malapitan
Rep. Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez
Rep. Nancy A. Catamco
Rep. Ma. Milagros H. Magsaysay
Rep. Roman T. Romulo
Rep. Danilo Ramon S. Fernandez
Rep. Luis R. Villafrute
Rep. Benhur L. Salimbangon
Rep. Carmelo F. Lazatin
Rep. Romeo M. Jalosjos, Jr.
Rep. Roberto V. Puno
Rep. Romeo M. Acop
Rep. Marc Douglas C. Cagas IV
Rep. Victoria R. Sy-Alvarado
Rep. Edgar S. San Luis
Rep. Dennis M. Socrates
Rep. Pablo P. Garcia
Rep. Pablo John F. Garcia
Rep. Rachel Marguerite B. Del Mar
Rep. Tomas R. Osmeña
Rep. Leopoldo N. Bataoil
Rep. Kimi S. Cojuangco
Rep. Isidro S. Rodriguez
Rep. Jesus N. Sacedalan
Rep. Bai Sandra Sinsuat S. Sema
Rep. George P. Arnaiz
Rep. Lorenzo R. Tañada III

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2012, WEDNESDAY, 9:30 A.M. AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM NOS. 3 & 4, MITRA BUILDING, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, QUEZON CITY

GUESTS:

1. JUSTICE ANTONIO EUGENIO – Dep. Court Administrator, Supreme Court
2. State Counsel ULYSSES AGUILA –Department of Justice
3. State Counsel PAULITO DE JESUS-Department of Justice
4. ASG. KARL MIRANDA – Office of the Solicitor General
5. Atty. VICTORIA ESTOESTA – Surviving Spouse
6. Ms. PERLITA AQUINO – Surviving Spouse

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Hon. Niel C. Tupas Jr., Chairman of the Committee on Justice, called the meeting to order at 9:44 AM. Upon the motion made by Rep. Bataoil, calling of the roll was dispensed with.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2012 MEETING

Rep. Bataoil moved to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2012 meeting which motion was duly seconded by Rep. Lazatin. The Chair then approved the motion.

III. PRELIMINARY REMARKS OF THE CHAIRMAN

Upon the Chair's request, Rep. Bataoil led the opening prayers for the day's meeting. The Chair then mentioned that there were 2 items in the day's agenda: creation of courts and the survivorship benefits for the surviving legitimate spouse of a deceased retired member of the Office of the Solicitor General.

IV. MEETING PROPER

A. CREATION OF COURT SALAS:

Atty. Antonio Eugenio, Sureme Court Deputy Court Administrator voiced support to the proposals on court creation. Among these bills:

- HB No. 5532 re: 6 RTC (Angeles, Pampanga) by Rep. Lazatin
- HB No. 5516 re: 2 RTC (Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay) Rep. R. Jalosjos
- HB No. 5519 and 5559 re: 1 MTC / 15 RTC (Antipolo, Rizal) by Reps. R. Puno and Acop
- HB No. 5533 re: 1 RTC (Digos, Davao Davao Del Sur) by Rep. Cagas
- HB No. 5534 re: 3 RTC (Malolos, Bulacan) by Rep. Sy Alvarado
- HB No. 5539 and 5540 re: 1RTC (Siniloan, Stacruz, Laguna) by Rep. San Luis
- HB No. 5644 re: 3 RTC (Puerto Princesa, Palawan) by Rep. Socrates
- HB No. 5562 re: 2 RTC (Argao, Cebu) by Rep. P. Garcia
- HB No. 5563 re: 4 RTC (Barili, Cebu) and HB No. 5564 re: 2 RTC (Toledo, Cebu) by Rep. P. J. Garcia
- HB No. 5604 re: 1 RTC (Talibon, Bohol) by Rep. Aumentado
- HB No. 5619 n 5775 re: 6 MTC / 1 RTC (Cebu City) by Reps. Del Mar and Osmeña
- HB No. 5659 n 6080 re: 2 RTC (Urdaneta) in 5 RTC (Lingayen, Alaminos,

- Urdaneta, San Carlos, Dagupan, Pangasinan by Reps. K. Cojuangco and Bataoil
- HB No. 5668 re: 5 RTC (Morong) and 2 RTC (San Mateo, Rizal) by Rep. I. Rodriguez
- HB No. 5761 re: 1 RTC (Midsayap, North Cotabato) by Rep. J. Sacdalan
- HB No. 5910 re: 1 RTC (Cotabato, Maguindanao) by Rep. B. Sema
- HB No. 6574 re: 1 RTC (Bais, Negros Oriental) by Rep. Arnaiz
- HB No. 6659 re: 2 RTC (Gumaca, Quezon) by Rep. Tañada

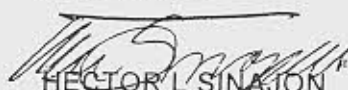
B. HB No. 6570 re: GRANTING SURVIVORSHIP BENEFITS TO THE SURVIVING LEGITIMATE SPOUSE OF A DECEASED RETIRED MEMBER OF THE OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL

Asst. Solicitor General Miranda expressed support for the said measure saying this will encourage more lawyers to join the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG). He added that a small amount of P1.7M will be needed to implement the program in its first year of implementation. Deputy Court Administrator Eugenio said a similar measure was approved to cover officials of the Office of the Court Administrator with judicial ranks. Likewise, Department of Justice State Counsel de Jesus expressed support to said measure and suggested that its coverage be expanded to other lawyers in the executive branch. The Chair said that the bill was filed to equalize benefits to OSG retirees. He mentioned that 2 weeks back, a similar bill on survivorship benefits to the Government Corporate Counsels was approved. Rep. Sacdalan then moved to approve HB No. 6570. Rep. Bataoil seconded the motion. The Chair then approved the motion.

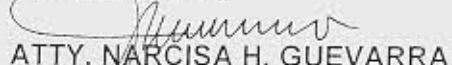
V. ADJOURNMENT

Rep Sacdalan moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Rep. Bataoil. Hearing no objection, the Chair approved the motion. The time was 10:19 AM

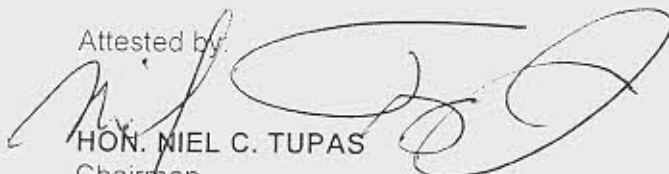
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