

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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Third Regular Session

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January 24, 2013

MEMORANDUM

FOR : THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL
FOR OPERATIONS

ATTENTION : THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
PLENARY AFFAIRS BUREAU

THE SERVICE DIRECTOR
BILLS & INDEX SERVICE

FROM: THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL FOR
COMMITTEE AFFAIRS

SUBJECT : COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2639
RE: Additional Court Salas

We are respectfully transmitting herewith six (6) copies of the Committee Report on House Bill No. 6861 in substitution of House Bill No. 6080, entitled, "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"

For your appropriate action.

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ATTY. ARLENE DADA-ARNALDO

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FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

Third Regular Session

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. **2639**

Submitted by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations on
29 JAN 2013

Re: House Bill No. **6861**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6080

Sponsors: Representatives Niel C. Tupas, Jr., Jocelyn S. Limkaichong and Leopoldo N. Bataoil

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 6080, introduced by Representative Leopoldo N. Bataoil, entitled:

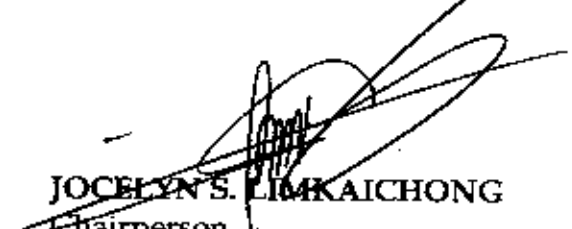
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PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
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APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR'**

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 6861, entitled:

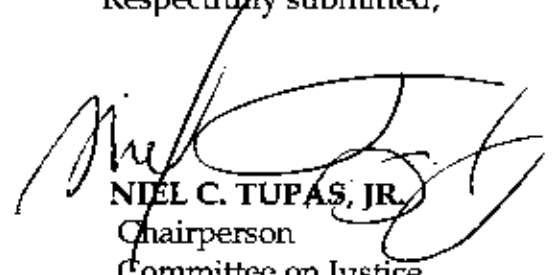
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AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION
ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR'**

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 6080, with Representatives Leopoldo N. Bataoil, Kimi S. Cojuangco, 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
Quezon City

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

Third Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 6861

Introduced by Representatives Leopoldo N. Bataoil, Kimi S. Cojuangco, Niel C. Tupas, Jr., and Jocelyn S. Limkaichong

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 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:

1 SECTION 1. Four (4) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court
2 for the Cities of Alaminos, Dagupan and San Carlos, and in the Municipality
3 of Lingayen, with seats thereat, are hereby created in the First Judicial Region.

4 SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers
5 of the newly-created court branches in the First 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 (a) 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, Metro Manila

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
Second Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 3080

Introduced by Hon. LEOPOLDO N. BATAOIL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

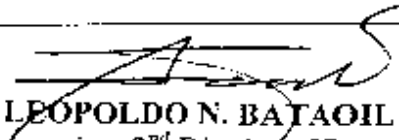
Fair and speedy justice is a fundamental right guaranteed under the Constitution and one principal concern brought to fore by the bench and the bar in Pangasinan is the voluminous number of cases being handled by the courts in said province.

The province of Pangasinan has 27 Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC), Municipal Circuit Trial Courts (MCTC), and Municipal Trial Courts (MTC) and 24 Regional Trial Courts (RTC) covering the cities of Alaminos, Dagupan, San Carlos and Urdaneta and the towns of Anda, Bani, Bayambang, Binmaley, Bolinao, Calasiao, Lingayen, Malasiqui, Manaoag, Mangaldan, Mangatarem, Mapandan, Sta. Barbara, Sta. Maria and Umingan, Aguilar-Bugallon, Balungao, Burgos-Mabini-Dasol, Labrador-Sual, San Fabian-San Jacinto, Urbiztondo-Basista, Pozorrubio-Sison, Asingan-San Manuel, Alcala-Bautista, Tayug-San Nicolas, Natividad-San Quintin, Villasis-Sto. Tomas, Binalonan- Laoac, each with a docket of one thousand cases more or less.

The area over which these courts in Pangasinan exercise jurisdiction is not only extensive but is also considered as one of the fastest developing hubs in the Province of Pangasinan. Even as the courts in the province have assiduously and competently discharged their functions and duties, they simply cannot cope with and dispose of cases faster than the sheer number of cases being filed in their respective salas.

The people of Pangasinan deserve an improved quality of life through fast and efficient administration of justice. Moreover, there is a clamor from the judges in the Province of Pangasinan to increase the courts in the province to address the growing number of population and the increasing complexities of life brought about by an increase in commercial transactions, among others. Therefore, to prevent the situation where the quality of justice being served is sacrificed for the sake of expediency and to avoid the deterioration of the situation into a classic example of the often quoted adage that "Justice delayed is justice denied," it is but imperative that five (5) additional Regional Trial Courts be created to be spread out in the key areas of the province, namely: Alaminos City, Dagupan City, San Carlos City, Lingayen and Urdaneta City.

Hence, approval of this bill is highly recommended.


LEOPOLDO N. BATAOIL
Representative, 2nd District of Pangasinan

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
Second Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 3080

Introduced by **Hon. LEOPOLDO N. BATAOIL**

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING FIVE ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LINGAYEN AND IN THE CITIES OF ALAMINOS, DAGUPAN, SAN CARLOS AND URDANETA, ALL SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, AMENDING ~~FOR~~ THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. Section 14 of Batas Pambansa Bilang Isang Daan Dalawampu at Siyam, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 14. Regional Trial Courts. —

(a)	XXX	XXX	XXX
	XXX	XXX	XXX

“TWENTY-SIX branches (Branches XXXVII to LVII-I) for the Province of Pangasinan and the cities of Dagupan and San Carlos. Branches XXXVII to XXXIX-I with Seats at Lingayen, Branches XL to XLIV-I at Dagupan, Branches XLV to XLIX-I at Urdaneta, Branch L at Villasis, Branch LI and LII at Tayug, Branch LIII at Rosales, Branches LIV and LV-I at Alaminos and Branches LVI and LVII-I at San Carlos.”

SECTION 2. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the Supreme Court under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as maybe necessary for the continuous implementation of this Act shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) National newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.



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. NEL 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 BINAN, 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. 5459, 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, PARAGRAPH (L) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980' AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";

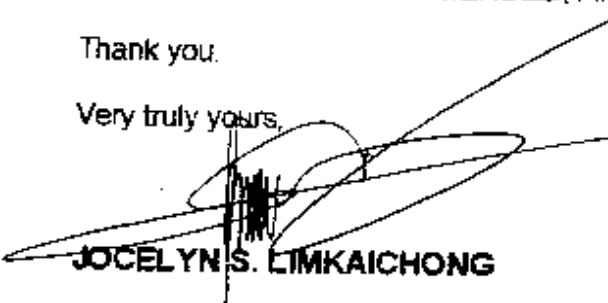
15. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 5534, titled "AN ACT CREATING THREE ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF MALOLOS, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (C) OF BATAS PAMBANSA B.L.G. 129, 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 SINILOAN, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (E), OF BATAS PAMBANSA B.L.G. 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 B.L.G. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980' AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";
18. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 5644, 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 B.L.G. 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 B.L.G. 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 B.L.G. 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 B.L.G. 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 B.L.G. 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. 5680, 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. Villafuerte
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Rep. Carmelo F. Lazatin
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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, Alam.nos,

- 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. Saccalan
- 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. Saccalan then moved to approve HB No. 6570. Rep. Bataoil seconded the motion. The Chair then approved the motion.

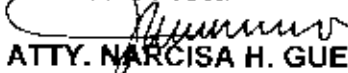
V. ADJOURNMENT

Rep Saccalan 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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