

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

Third Regular Session

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. **2676**

Submitted by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations on
04 FEB 2013

Re: House Bill No. **6888**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4772

Sponsors: Representatives Niel C. Tupas, Jr., Jocelyn S. Limkaichong, and Ferdinand
Martin G. Romualdez

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was
referred House Bill No. 4772, introduced by Representative Ferdinand Martin G.
Romualdez, entitled:

‘AN ACT
CREATING ADDITIONAL TWO (2) BRANCHES OF THE
MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES 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”

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No.
6888, entitled:

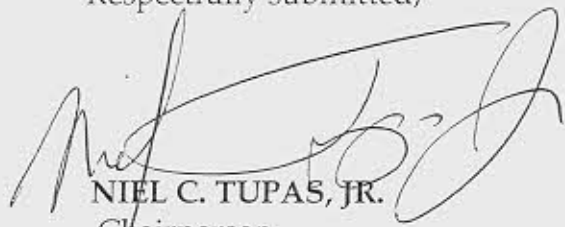
AN ACT
CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE
MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL
REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF TACLOBAN,
PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION
29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE
JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980" AS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

be approved in substitution of HB No. 4772, with Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Niel C. Tupas, Jr., and Jocelyn S. Limkaichong, as authors thereof.



JOCELYN S. LIMKAICHONG
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations

Respectfully submitted,



NIEL C. TUPAS, JR.
Chairperson
Committee on Justice

The Honorable
The Speaker
House of Representatives
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6888

Introduced by Representatives Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Niel C. Tupas, Jr., and Jocelyn S. Limkaichong

AN ACT

CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE EIGHT^h 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"

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

1 SECTION 1. There is hereby created two (2) additional branches of the
2 Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC) in the Eight^h Judicial Region to be
3 stationed at the City of Tacloban, Province of Leyte.

4 SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers
5 of the newly-created MTCC branches in the Eight 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.

10 SEC. 4. Section 29 of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as
11 "*The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980*" as amended, as well as other

1 provisions that may be inconsistent herewith, is hereby deemed repealed,
2 modified and/or further amended.

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

6 Approved,



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

HON. JOCELYN S. LIMKAJCHONG

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. 5556 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";

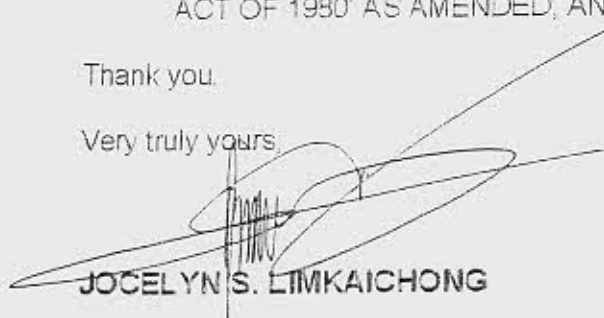
15. Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 5534, titled "AN ACT CREATING THREE ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF MALOLOS, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (C) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE 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 SINOLOAN, 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. 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 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
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Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

15th Congress
3rd Regular Session

COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

FOR : THE HONORABLE SPEAKER

THRU : THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL FOR COMMITTEE AFFAIRS

RE : SPOT REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE HELD ON 04 DECEMBER 2012, TUESDAY, 9:30 A.M. CONFERENCE ROOMS 9 & 10, MITRA BUILDING, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DATE : 04 DECEMBER 2012

1. CREATION OF COURT SALAS

a. Major issues/positions and views aired

Rep. Luis Villafuerte, author of House Bill No. 6459, informed the body that he filed this bill to serve as a substitute to an earlier measure, HB No. 4520, which proposed the creation of an additional RTC branch in Pili, Camarines Sur. He said that while this measure had already been approved on third reading by the House and transmitted to the Senate, he still filed HB No. 6459 upon the suggestion of Senator Francis Escudero, chair of the Senate Committee on Justice and Human Rights, who said that priority should be given to the creation of an additional RTC branch in the area of Calabanga, Camarines Sur instead of Pili, Camarines Sur.

Rep. Monique Lagdameo, one of the authors of HB No. 5536, mentioned that the bill is similar to HB No 2306 authored by Rep. Godofredo V. Arquiza which was already approved by the Committee in a previous meeting. She moved for the consolidation of the 2 bills

Rep. Rufus Rodriguez, author of HB No. 3728, explained that his proposal for the creation of 2 RTC branches in Initao, Misamis Oriental will make the dispensation of justice easier in the area.

b. Agreements reached/ Decisions made

Upon the respective motions of the bills' authors/sponsors, duly seconded, the following bills creating various court salas in the country were approved, to wit:

- HB No. 3728 re: 2 RTC (Initao, Misamis Oriental) by Rep. R. Rodriguez
- HB No. 4265 re: 4 RTC (Caloocan) Rep. Malapitan
- HB No. 4772 re: 2 MTCC (Tacloban) by Rep. Romualdez
- HB No. 5514 re: 1 RTC (Kidapawan, North Cotabato) by Rep. Catamco
- HB No. 5536 re: 6 MetC (Makati) by Reps. M. Lagdameo and Binay (in consolidation with HB No. 2306)
- HB No. 6459 re: 1 RTC (Calabanga, Camarines Sur) by Rep. L. Villafuerte
- HB No. 6573 re: 1 MTC (Daaanbantayan, Cebu) by Rep. Salimbangon

Upon the duly seconded motion of Rep. Salimbangon for the omnibus approval of bills which have counterpart Senate measures already approved on third reading, the following bills creating court salas were likewise approved, to wit:

- HB No. 5531 re 4 RTC (Zambales) by Rep. M. Magsaysay
- HB No. 5558 re. 12 MetC (Pasig) by Rep. Romulo
- HB No. 5542 re: 1 RTC (Tarlac) by Rep. J. Lapus
- HB No. 5895 and 5896 re: 6 RTC / 3 RTC (Biñan and San Pedro, Laguna) by Rep. Fernandez

2. GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO PETER LESLIE WALLACE

- HB No. 6553 authored by Rep. Mark A. Villar

a. Major issues/positions and views aired

Atty. Henry Tubban of the Bureau of Immigration (BI) said that based on the records of the Bureau, the applicant, Mr Peter Leslie Wallace, has been a permanent resident in the country since 1986 and has no derogatory record.

From the Department of Justice, Atty. Ulysses Aguila conveyed to the body that the department fully supports the bill and has no objection to the same.

b. Agreements reached/ Decisions made

In view of the absence of the bill's author, the Committee agreed to hold another meeting to deliberate on HB No. 6553.

Prepared by:


ATTY. NARCISA H. GUEVARRA
Committee Secretary

Noted by:


ATTY. DAVID ROBERT U. AMORIN
Service Director
Cluster 5 (Legal/Political 1)

cc: The Deputy Speaker
The Honorable Chairman, Committee on Rules
The Secretary General
The Executive Director, Committee Affairs Department
The Deputy Executive Director, Committee Affairs Department
The Service Director, Committee Administrative Support Service

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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FIFTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4772

Introduced by HONORABLE FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 16 Article 3 of our Constitution expressly mandates that "all persons shall have the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial, quasi-judicial and administrative bodies," unfortunately, this does not hold true in our country and in the City of Tacloban.

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 Municipal Trial Courts in Cities (MTCC).

In addition to this, Republic Act 7691 expanded the jurisdiction of lower courts which has further clogged the court's docket.

For instance, the two (2) MTCC branches are handling 484 cases each at any given time or a total of 968 cases. Evidently, the sheer volume of cases cannot be properly handled by the existing trial courts, and this greatly hampers the delivery of judicial services.

Nevertheless, the creation of additional salas 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. 4772

Introduced by HONORABLE FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ

AN ACT

CREATING ADDITIONAL TWO (2) BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES (MTCC) 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 29 of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 29. *Municipal Trial Court in Cities.* – In every city which does not form part of a metropolitan area, there shall be a Municipal Trial Court with one branch, except as hereunder provided:

x x x

(Two) FOUR branches for Tacloban City;

x x x

SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall assign two additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC) in the City of Tacloban with seats thereat.

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 Municipal Trial Court in Cities 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,
