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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 162

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights *and*  
Finance on MAY 28 2015.

Re: H. No. 159

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor: Senator Pimentel

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**MR. PRESIDENT:**

The Committees on Justice and Human Rights *and* Finance, to which were referred H. No. 159, introduced by Reps. Bataoil, Tupas, Ungab, and Primicias-Agabas, 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 SECTION 14,  
PARAGRAPH (A) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF  
1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR"**

have considered the same and have the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved with the following amendments:

- 1) "On Page 1, Section 1, Line 1, change the word and number "Four (4)" to "Three (3)",

- 2) "On the same page and section, lines 2 and 3, delete the phrase "and in the Municipality of Lingayen, with seats thereat";
- 3) "On Page 2, Section 3, Lines 1 to 2, delete the phrase "the implementation of this Act." and the sentence "The funding therefor shall likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act" and change to **"the operationalization of the three (3) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the cities of Alaminos, Dagupan, and San Carlos, all situated in the province of Pangasinan, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act"**;
- 4) "On Page 2, Section 3, Line 2, insert the following sentence at the end of the paragraph: **"The funds necessary for the operation of the courts herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the courts and the appointment of its personnel."**;
- 5) "On Page 2, Section 4, Lines 4 to 6, delete the phrase "as well as other provisions that may be inconsistent herewith is hereby deemed repealed, modified and/or further amended" and change to **"and all other laws, executive orders, and rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.;**
- 6) "Still on Page 2, Section 5, Line 8, delete the phrase "in the Official Gazette or", and
- 7) Amend the title by changing the phrase "four (4) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Cities of Alaminos, Dagupan and San Carlos and in the Municipality of Lingayen" to **"three (3) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Cities of Alaminos, Dagupan, and San Carlos"** and insert a comma (,) and the phrase **"in the First Judicial Region"** after the word "Pangasinan", to read as follows:

**"AN ACT  
CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE CITIES OF ALAMINOS,  
DAGUPAN, AND SAN CARLOS, ALL SITUATED IN THE  
PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL  
REGION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14,  
PARAGRAPH (A) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE  
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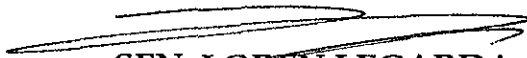
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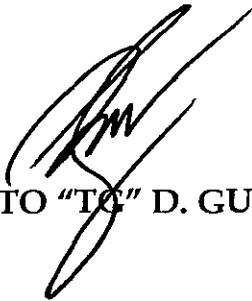


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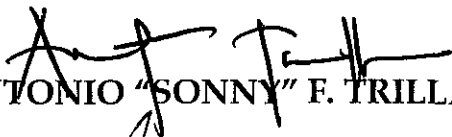
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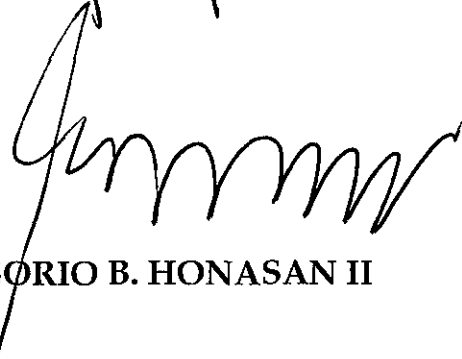


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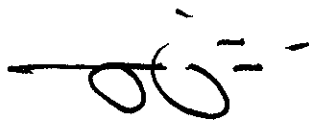


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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 159

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BY REPRESENTATIVES BATAOIL, TUPAS, UNGAB AND PRIMICIAS-AGABAS

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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 SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (A) 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. Four (4) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court  
2 in the cities of Alaminos, Dagupan and San Carlos and in the Municipality of  
3 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

1 Court's program the implementation of this Act. The funding therefor shall  
2 likewise be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

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

Approved,

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