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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 4485

BY REPRESENTATIVES MARCOS, TUPAS AND UNGAB, PER COMMITTEE REPORT No. 244

AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF BATAC, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, FURTHER 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:

- SECTION 1. Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court are hereby created in the First Judicial Region to be stationed in the City of Batac, Province of Ilocos Norte.
- The Supreme Court shall assign the branch numbers of the newly created branches of the Regional Trial Court in the First Judicial Region.
- SEC. 2. 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 the additional branches of the Regional Trial Court created under this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. S	Section 14(a) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as
"The Judiciary l	Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws,
rules and regular	tions which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended,
repealed or mod	ified accordingly.

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

Approved,