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BY REPRESENTATIVES DEFENSOR, CO, BATOCABE, PRIMICIAS-AGABAS,
OAMINAL, GUTIERREZ, ALIPING, BELLO (S.), BICHARA, ESCUDERO,
GARCIA (G.), KHO, PIAMONTE, ROMULO, CALEXTO-RUBIANO AND
COJUANGCO (K.), PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 346

AN ACT ESTABLISHING ESTATE SETTLEMENT COURTS,
GRANTING THEM ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OVER CASES
FOR SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE OF DECEASED PERSONS,
AMENDING BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, AS AMENDED

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

1 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Estate Settlement Court
2 Act".

3 SEC. 2. The State recognizes the need for the speedy disposition of
4 estate settlement cases so that the property may be immediately released to
5 commercial circulation and made available for business transaction, thus
6 generating further subjects of taxation and stimulating economic activity.

7 SEC. 3. There shall be established, by way of designation of a Regional
8 Trial Court branch, an Estate Settlement Court in every province and highly
9 urbanized city in the country.

1 SEC. 4. The Estate Settlement Court shall exercise original jurisdiction
2 to hear and decide all cases of settlement of estate of deceased persons,
3 regardless of the gross value of the estate.

4 SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the
5 Supreme Court shall promulgate the necessary rules for its implementation, to
6 include the designation of and the transfer of cases thereto.

7 SEC. 6. All other laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed,
8 amended or modified accordingly.

9 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication
10 in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,

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