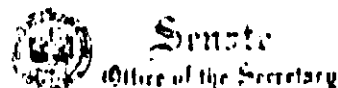


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 435

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Justice and Human Rights and Finance on JAN 27 2016.

Re: H. No. 1374

Recommending its approval with amendments.

Sponsor: Senator Pimentel

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committees on Justice and Human Rights and Finance, to which were referred H. No. 1374, introduced by Reps. Gomez, Tupas, Ungab, and Bataoil, entitled:

**"AN ACT  
CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE  
STATIONED AT THE CITY OF ORMOC, AMENDING FOR THE  
PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (I) 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, Lines 1-2 delete the phrase "Regional Trial Court branches for the City of Ormoc, Leyte, with seats thereat" after the word "additional" and change to the phrase "BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE CITY OF ORMOC, SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE";

- 2) "On Page 1, Sections 2, Lines 4-5, change the phrase "for the newly-created branches." after the word "numbers" and change to the phrase "OF THE NEWLY CREATED COURT BRANCHES IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL REGION.";
- 3) "Still on Page 1, Section 3, Lines 8 to 9, 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 two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the city of Ormoc, situated in the province of Leyte, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act"; thereafter, 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 their personnel.";
- 4) "On Page 2, Section 4, Lines 2-4, 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.";
- 5) "Still on Page 2, Section 5, Line 6, delete the phrase "completion of its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in" and change to "ITS COMPLETE PUBLICATION IN"; and
- 6) Amend the title by changing the phrase "in the Province of Leyte to be stationed at the City of Ormoc," to "IN THE CITY OF ORMOC, SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL REGION" to read as follows:

**"AN ACT  
CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE  
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE CITY OF ORMOC, SITUATED  
IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE, IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL  
REGION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14,  
PARAGRAPH (I) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE  
KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF  
1980,' AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS  
THEREFOR"**

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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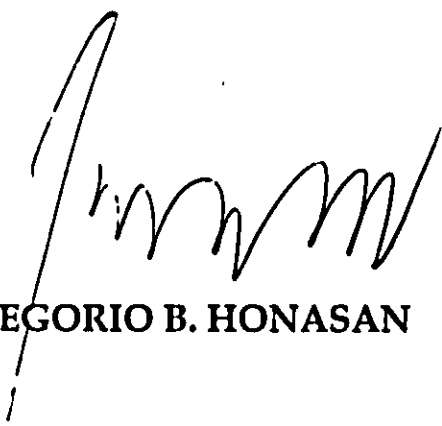
  
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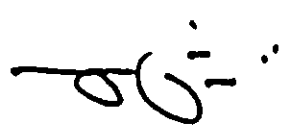
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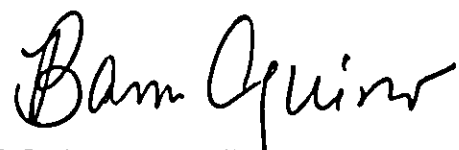
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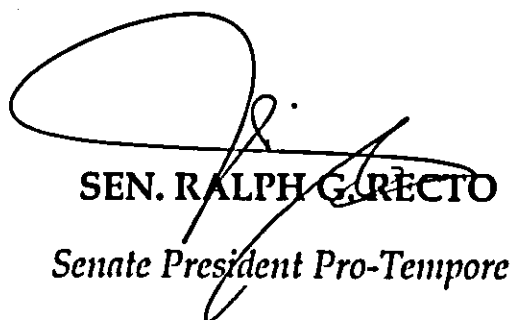
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## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 1374

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BY REPRESENTATIVES GOMEZ, TUPAS, UNGAB AND BATAOIL

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AN ACT CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF ORMOC, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (I) 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. Two (2) additional Regional Trial Court branches for the  
2 City of Ormoc, Leyte, with seats thereat, are hereby created in the Eighth  
3 Judicial Region.
- 4           SEC. 2. The Supreme Court shall assign the branch numbers for the  
5 newly-created branches.
- 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(I) of Datas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as  
2 "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. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after  
6 completion of its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in two (2) newspapers  
7 of general circulation.

          Approved,

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