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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 302

Submitted by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations on 22 JUN 2017

Re: House Bill No. 5904

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2029

Sponsors: Representatives Reynaldo V. Umali, Karlo Alexei B. Nograles, and Imelda Romualdez-Marcos

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Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 2029, introduced by Representative Imelda Romualdez-Marcos, entitled:

**AN ACT**  
CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF BATAAC, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS NORTE, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

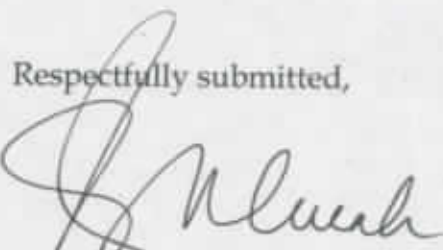
have considered the same and recommend that House Bill No. 5904, entitled:

**AN ACT**  
**CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF BATAAC, 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 approved in substitution of House Bill No. 2029 with Representatives Imelda Romualdez-Marcos, Reynaldo V. Umali, Karlo Alexei B. Nograles, Vicente E. Veloso, Eugene Michael B. De Vera, Juliet Marie D. Ferrer, Horacio P. Suansing, Jr., Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo, Anthony M. Bravo, Manuel Luis T. Lopez, Harlin Niel J. Abayon III, Strike B. Revilla, Ramon M. Rocamora, Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte, Federico S. Sandoval II, Aurelio D. Gonzales, Alfredo A. Garbin, Jr., Mohammad Khalid Q. Dimaporo, Joey Sarte Salceda, Celso L. Lobregat, Francis Gerald Abaya, Isagani S. Amatong, Arlene B. Arcillas, Joseph Santo Niño B. Bernos, Leopoldo N. Bataoil, Wilfredo S. Caminero, Jose Carlos Cari, Cecilia Leonila V. Chavez, Joaquin M. Chipeco, Jr., Arthur R. Defensor, Jr., Napoleon S. Dy, Evelina G. Escudero, Mark O. Go, Alexandria P. Gonzales, Joseph Stephen S. Paduano, Deogracias B. Ramos, Jr., Harry L. Roque, Jr., Rogelio Neil Pepito Roque, Jesus Nonato Sacdalan, Edgar Mary S. Sarmiento, Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano, Estrellita B. Suansing, Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, Raul "Boboy" C. Tupas and Divina Grace C. Yu as authors thereof.



**KARLO ALEXEI B. NOGRALES**  
Chairman  
Committee on Appropriations

Respectfully submitted,  


**REYNALDO V. UMALI**  
Chairman  
Committee on Justice

The Honorable Speaker  
House of Representatives  
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**HOUSE BILL NO. 5904**  
(In substitution of House Bill No. 2029)

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**AN ACT**

**CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF BATAAC, 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:*

- 1           SECTION 1. Two <sup>(2)</sup> additional branches of the Regional Trial Court are  
2 hereby created in the First Judicial Region to be stationed in the City of Bataac,  
3 Province of Ilocos Norte.

1           The Supreme Court shall assign the branch numbers for the newly-  
2           created Regional Trial Court branches in the First Judicial Region.

3           SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with  
4           the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the  
5           Court's program the operationalization of the additional Regional Trial Court  
6           branches created under this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the  
7           annual General Appropriations Act.

8           SEC. 3. Section 14(a) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known  
9           as "*The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980*" as amended, and all other laws,  
10          rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby  
11          amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

12          SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete  
13          publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

14          Approved,