

Comments on the Judiciary Reorganization Act

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Prior to and during Martial Law, there have been two recognized principal flaws that plagued the Philippine judicial system. First is the undue delay in the promulgation of decisions resulting in numerous pending cases. Second are the decisions that may be characterized as unjust due to an existing atmosphere of corruption in certain judicial sectors. As a response to these problems, it is hoped that Cabinet Bill No. 42, otherwise known as Judicial Reorganization Act, possesses the potency to cure such defects.

The Author is, however, of the contrary opinion. In analyzing the effects that of the Act, such as the maintenance of the status quo in terms of the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court as well as the mere change of names of the lower courts, among others, he postulates that the purpose which propelled the enactment of the Judicial Reorganization Act still has not been achieved. He ends his critique by stating the omnipresent problem of corruption in the Government as one of the contributing factors of the Act's less than average potency.