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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1140

Submitted by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations on **August 17, 2021**

Re: House Bill No. **9996**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7902

Sponsors: Representatives Vicente "Ching" S. E. Veloso III, Eric Go Yap, and Roberto V. Puno

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Justice and Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 7902, introduced by Representative Roberto V. Puno, entitled:

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have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **9996** entitled:

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be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 7902, with Representatives Roberto V. Puno, Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III, Eric Go Yap, Strike B. Revilla, Kristine Singson-Meehan, Tyrone D. Agabas, Juan Miguel Macapagal Arroyo, Stella Luz A. Quimbo, Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, Elenita Milagros "Eileen" Ermita-Buhain, Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan, Ruffy B. Biazon, Peter John D. Calderon, Junie E. Cua, Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe, Paul Ruiz Daza, Rudys Caesar G. Fariñas I, Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III, Greg G. Gasataya, Ed Christopher S. Go, Ruwel Peter Gonzaga, Sandro L. Gonzalez, Teodorico Haresco, Jr., Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Manuel T. Sagarbarria, Joey Sarte Salceda, David "Jay-Jay" C. Suarez, Jose "Pingping" I. Tejada, Micaela S. Violago, Manuel F. Zubiri, Cyrille "Beng" F. Abueg-Zaldivar, Julianne "Jam" Baronda, Jose Francisco "Kiko" B. Benitez, Ph.D., Gabriel H. Bordado, Jr., Narciso R. Bravo, Jr., Argel Joseph T. Cabatbat, Carl Nicolas C. Cari, Sergio C. Dagooc, Maximo Y. Dalog, Jr., Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla, Abdullah D. Dimaporo, Mohamad Khalid Q. Dimaporo, Eduardo "Eddie" R. Gullas, Ann K. Hofer, Glona G. Labadlabad, Edward Vera Perez Maceda, Dale "Along" R. Malapitan, Mario Vittorio "Marvey" A. Mariño, Maricel G. Natividad-Nagaño, Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D., Emmarie "Lolypop" Ouano-Dizon, Joy Myra S. Tambunting, Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D., Kristine Alexie B. Tutor, Manuel DG. Cabochan III, John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto, Rodolfo M. Ordanes, Romulo "Kid" V. Peña, Jr.,

Florida "Rida" P. Robes, Roman T. Romulo, Allan U. Ty and Rosanna "Ria" V. Vergara as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



ERIC GO YAP
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations



VICENTE "CHING" S. E. VELOSO III
Chairperson
Committee on Justice

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Ten (10) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and five (5)
2 additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the Fourth Judicial Region
3 are hereby created and stationed in the City of Antipolo, Province of Rizal.

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5 The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly
6 created branches of the Regional Trial Court and Municipal Trial Court in Cities.

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8 **SEC. 2.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary
9 of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the
10 operationalization of the additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and Municipal

1 Trial Court in Cities in the City of Antipolo, Province of Rizal. The funds necessary for
2 the operation of the courts herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon
3 the actual organization of the courts and the appointment of its personnel.

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5 **SEC. 3.** Section 14 (e) and Section 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise
6 known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws,
7 rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended,
8 repealed or modified accordingly.

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

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13 Approved,

House of Representatives

Committee Affairs Department

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 9996

(in substitution of House Bill No. 7902)
(Approved by the Committee on March 1, 2021)

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*Committee Referral: **Committees on Justice and Appropriations***

*Committee Chairpersons: **Rep. VICENTE "CHING" S.E. VELOSO and Rep. ERIC GO YAP***

OBJECTIVE:

- To ensure the speedy disposition of cases and to declog court dockets.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Creates ten (10) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) and five (5) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC) in the Fourth Judicial Region to be stationed in the City of Antipolo, Province of Rizal.
- Mandates that the funds for the operation of the additional RTC and MTCC shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the court and the appointment of its personnel.

RELATED LAWS:

- **Batas Pambansa Blg. 129**, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980"