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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City



**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1141**

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

Re: House Bill No. 9997

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5678

Sponsors: Representatives Vicente "Ching" S. E. Veloso III and Eric Go Yap

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Justice and Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 5678, introduced by Representative Nestor B. Fongwan, Jr., entitled:

"AN ACT

CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA TRINIDAD, PROVINCE OF BENGUET, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, SECTION 30"

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 9997 entitled:

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be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 5678, with Representatives Nestor B. Fongwan, Jr., 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.,

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Respectfully submitted,



**ERIC GO YAP**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Appropriations



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

**THE HONORABLE SPEAKER**  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1       **SECTION 1.** One (1) additional branch of the Municipal Trial Court in the First  
2 Judicial Region is hereby created and stationed in the Municipality of La Trinidad,  
3 Province of Benguet.

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5       The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number for the newly created branch of  
6 the Municipal Trial Court.

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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 branch of the Municipal Trial Court in the  
11 Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet. The funds necessary for the operation

1 of the court herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual  
2 organization of the court and the appointment of its personnel.

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4 **SEC. 3.** Section 30 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary  
5 Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations  
6 which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified  
7 accordingly.

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

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12 Approved,

# House of Representatives

## Committee Affairs Department

### FACT SHEET

#### House Bill No. 9997

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(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 one (1) additional branch of the Municipal Trial Court (MTC) in the First Judicial Region to be stationed in the Municipality of La Trinidad, Province of Benguet.
- Mandates that the funds for the operation of the additional RTC 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"