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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1171

Submitted by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations on August 25, 2021

Re: House Bill No. 10073

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7781

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Justice and Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 7781, introduced by Representative Rudy S. Caoagdan, entitled:

"AN ACT

ESTABLISHING ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT (RTC) AND MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES (MTCC) KIDAPAWAN CITY IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE CITY OF KIDAPAWAN, PROVINCE OF COTABATO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14(M) AND 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED"

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 10073 entitled:

"AN ACT

CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF KIDAPAWAN, PROVINCE OF COTABATO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14 (M) AND 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980'"

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 7781, with Representatives Rudy S. Caoagdan, Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III, Eric Go Yap, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano, Lianda B. Bolilia, John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto, Argel Joseph T. Cabatbat, Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan, Ruffy B. Biazon, Junie E. Cua, Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe, Paul Ruiz Daza, Michael John R. Duavit, Rudys Caesar G. Fariñas I, Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III, Greg G. Gasataya, Ed Christopher S. Go, Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong, Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon, Manuel T. Sagarbarria, Jose "Pingping" I. Tejada, Micaela S. Violago, Way Kurat Zamora, Cyrille "Beng" F. Abueg-Zaldivar, Yasser Alonto Balindong, Gabriel H. Bordado, Jr., Narciso R. Bravo, Jr., Carl Nicolas C. Cari, Sergio C. Dagooc, Maximo Y. Dalog, Jr., Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla, Abdullah D. Dimaporo, Alan R. Dujali, Faustino "Inno" A. Dy V, Michael B. Gorriceta, Eduardo "Eddie" R. Gullas, Godofredo N. Guya, Ann K. Hofer, Glona G. Labadlabad, Edward Vera Perez Maceda, Maricel G. Natividad-Nagaño, Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D., Emmarie "Lolypop" Ouano-Dizon, Eddiebong G. Plaza, Hector S. Sanchez, Joy Myra S. Tambunting, Alyssa Sheena P. Tan, John Reynald M. Tiangco, Kristine Alexie B. Tutor, Samantha Louise Vargas Alfonso, Rosanna "Ria" V. Vergara, Shirlyn L. Banas-Nogralas, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Mark O. Go, Joseph "Jojo" L. Lara, Virgilio S. Lacson, Dahlia A. Loyola, Macnell M. Lusotan, Josephine Ramirez-Sato, Amihilda J. Sangcopan, Rowena Niña O. Taduran and Victor A. Yap as authors thereof.



ERIC GO YAP
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations

Respectfully submitted,



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.** One (1) additional branch of the Regional Trial Court and one (1)
2 additional branch of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the Twelfth Judicial Region are
3 hereby created and stationed in the City of Kidapawan, Province of Cotabato.
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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 the 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 the
11 Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the City of Kidapawan, Province of Cotabato. The

1 funds necessary for the operation of the courts herein created shall be appropriated
2 and released only upon the actual organization of the courts and the appointment of its
3 personnel.

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5 **SEC. 3.** Sections 14 (m) and 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, as amended,
6 otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", 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

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(in substitution of House Bill No. 7781)
(Approved by the Committee on March 10, 2021)

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Introduced by: Representatives Francis Gerald Aguinaldo Abaya, Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III, Eric Go Yap, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano, Lianda B. Bolilia, John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto, Argel Joseph T. Cabatbat, Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan, Ruffy B. Biazon, Junie E. Cua, Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe, Paul Ruiz Daza, Michael John R. Duavit, Rudys Caesar G. Fariñas I, Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III, Greg G. Gasataya, Ed Christopher S. Go, Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong, Corazon T. NuñezMalanyaon, Manuel T. Sagarbarria, Jose "Pingping" I. Tejada, Micaela S. Violago, Way Kurat Zamora, Cyrille "Beng" F. Abueg-Zaldivar, Yasser Alonto Balindong, Gabriel H. Bordado, Jr., Narciso R. Bravo, Jr., Carl Nicolas C. Cari, Sergio C. Dagooc, Maximo Y. Dalog, Jr., Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla, Abdullah D. Dimaporo, Alan R. Dujali, Faustino "Inno" A. Dy V, Michael B. Gorriceta, Eduardo "Eddie" R. Gullas, Godofredo N. Guya, Ann K. Hofer, Glona G. Labadlabad, Edward Vera Perez Maceda, Maricel G. NatividadNagaño, Ma. Lucille L. Nava, M.D., Emmarie "Lolypop" Ouano-Dizon, Eddiebong G. Plaza, Hector S. Sanchez, Joy Myra S. Tambunting, Alyssa Sheena P. Tan, John Reynald M. Tiangco, Kristine Alexie B. Tutor, Samantha Louise Vargas Alfonso, Rosanna "Ria" V. Vergara, Shirlyn L. Banas-Nogralas, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Mark O. Go, Joseph "Jojo" L. Lara, Virgilio S. Lacson, Dahlia A. Loyola, Macnell M. Lusotan, Josephine Ramirez-Sato, Amihilda J. Sangcopan, Rowena Niña O. Taduran and Victor A. Yap

*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 Regional Trial Court and one (1) additional branch of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC) in the Twelfth Judicial Region to be stationed in the City of Kidapawan, Province of Cotabato
- 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"