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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1162

Submitted by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations on August 25, 2021
Re: House Bill No. 10064

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 6067

Sponsors: Representatives Vicente “Ching” S. E. Veloso III, Eric Go Yap, and Roger G. Mercado

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Justice and Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 6067, introduced by Representative Roger G. Mercado, entitled:

"AN ACT
CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF MAASIN AND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOGOD, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(1) 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. 10064 entitled:

"AN ACT
CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF MAASIN AND IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SOGOD, PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (I) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED"


Respectfully submitted,

ERIC GO YAP
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations

VICENTE “CHING” S. E. VELOSO III
Chairperson
Committee on Justice

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
QUEZON CITY
AN ACT

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

SECTION 1. Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Eighth Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the City of Maasin and in the Municipality of Sogod, all in the Province of Southern Leyte.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches of the Regional Trial Court.

SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court’s program the operationalization of the additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the City of Maasin and in the Municipality of Sogod, all in the Province of Southern Leyte. The
funds necessary for the operation of the courts herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the courts and the appointment of its personnel.

SEC. 3. Section 14 (i) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as “The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980”, as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,
House of Representatives  
Committee Affairs Department  

FACT SHEET  

House Bill No. 10064  
(in substitution of House Bill No. 6067)  
(Approved by the Committee on February 10, 2021)  

"AN ACT  
CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT  
in the eighth Judicial Region to be stationed in the City of Maasin  
and in the Municipality of Sogod, Province of Southern Leyte, and  
appropriating funds therefor, Amending for the purpose Section 14  
(I) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as 'The Judiciary  
Reorganization Act of 1980', as amended"  


Committee Referral: Committees on Justice and Appropriations  
Committee Chairpersons: Rep. VICENTE "CHING" S.E. VELOSO and Rep. ERIC GO YAP  

OBJECTIVE:  

• To address the problem of delay in the rendering of decisions due to the backlog of cases.  
• To ensure speedier disposition of cases in line with the constitutional right of a person to speedy trial  

KEY PROVISION:  

• Creates two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) to be stationed in the City of Maasin and in the Municipality of Sogod, all in the Province of Southern Leyte.  

• 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 Bldg. 129 otherwise known as the “Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980”, as amended