Submitted by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations on August 25, 2021
Re: House Bill No. 20074
Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7363
Sponsors: Representatives Vicente “Ching” S. E. Veloso III, Eric Go Yap, and Sandra Y. Eriguel

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Justice and Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 7363, introduced by Representative Sandra Y. Eriguel, entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE 1ST JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGOO, PROVINCE OF LA UNION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 20074 entitled:

"AN ACT CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF AGOO, PROVINCE OF LA UNION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 (A) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980'"

Respectfully submitted,

ERIC GO YAP
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
QUEZON CITY

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:

SECTION 1. One (1) additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the First Judicial Region is hereby created and stationed in the Municipality of Agoo, Province of La Union.

The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number for the newly created branch 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 branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of Agoo, Province of La Union. The funds necessary for the operation of the court herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual
organization of the court and the appointment of its personnel.

SEC. 3. Section 14 (a) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, as amended, otherwise known as “The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980”, 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. 10074  
(in substitution of House Bill No. 7363)  
(Approved by the Committee on March 10, 2021)  

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Introduced by: Representatives Sandra Y. Eriguel, Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III, Eric Go Yap, Rufus B. Rodriguez,  
Deogracias Victor "Dv" B. Savellano, Lianda B. Boilili, John Marvin "Ful Servo" C. Nieto, Argel Joseph T. Cabatbat, Lorna P.  
Bautista-Bandigan, Ruffy B. Biazon, Junie E. Cua, Luisa Lloren Cuasesma, Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe, Paul Ruiz Daza,  
Michael John R. Duavit, Rudy's 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. Sagbarbarria, Jose "Pingping" I. Tejada, Micaela S. Violago,  
Way Kurat Zamora, Cyril "Beng" F. Abueg-Zaldivar, Yasser Alonto Balindong, Gabriel H. Bordado, Jr., Narciso R. Bravo, Jr.,  
Carl Nicolas C. Cari, Sergio C. Dagoco, Maximo Y. Dolog, Jr., Cheryl P. Delosoco-Montala, Abdullah D. Dimaporo, Alan R. Dujali,  
Faustino "Inno" A. Dy V, Michael B. Gorriceta, Eduardo "Eddie" R. Gullas, Godofredo N. Guya, Ann K. Hofer, Gloria G.  
Labadlabad, Edward Vera Perez Maceda, Maricel G. Natividad-Nagao, 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-Nograles, Precious  
Hipolito Castelo, Mark O. Go, Joseph "Jojo" L. Lara, Virgilio S. Lacson, Dahlia A. Loyola, Macnell M. Lusotan, Josephine  
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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 Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the First Judicial Region to be stationed in the Municipality of Agoo, Province of La Union  

• 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"