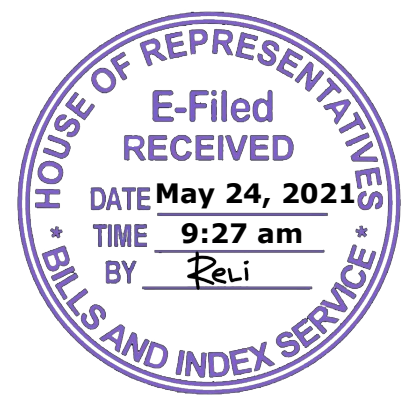


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 986

Submitted by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations on **May 24, 2021**

Re: House Bill No. **9408**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 7870

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

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Justice and Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 7870, introduced by Representative Loren Legarda, entitled:

"AN ACT

CREATING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS AND ONE (1) MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT FOR SAN JOSE, TWO (2) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS FOR BUGASONG, AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS FOR CULASI, ALL SITUATED IN THE PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE, IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL REGION, THUS AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980" AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **9408** entitled:

"AN ACT

CREATING SEVEN (7) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SAN JOSE, BUGASONG AND CULASI, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14 (G) AND 30 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980'"

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 7870, with Representatives Loren Legarda, Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III, Eric Go Yap, Rose Marie "Baby" J. Arenas, Jose L. Atienza, Jr., Evelina G. Escudero, Ferdinand L. Hernandez, Rodante D. Marcoleta, Strike B. Revilla, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano, Kristine Singson-Meehan, Tyrone D. Agabas, Christopher V. P. De Venecia, Stella Luz A. Quimbo, Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, Elenita Milagros "Eileen" Ermita-Buhain, Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan, Luis N. Campos, Jr., Junie E. Cua, Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, Paul Ruiz Daza, Rudys Caesar G. Fariñas I, Vincent Franco "Duke" D. Frasco, Greg G. Gasataya, Ed Christopher S. Go, Ruwel Peter Gonzaga, Sandro L. Gonzalez, Teodorico Haresco, Jr., Romeo M. Jalosjos,

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Respectfully submitted,



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Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations



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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 9408
(in substitution of House Bill No. 7870)

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AN ACT

CREATING SEVEN (7) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN THE SIXTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SAN JOSE, BUGASONG AND CULASI, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF ANTIQUE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14 (G) AND 30 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980'

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

- 1 **SECTION 1.** Seven (7) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Sixth
2 Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the Province of Antique as follows:
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4 (a) Three (3) branches in the municipality of San Jose;
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6 (b) Two (2) branches in the municipality of Bugasong; and
7
8 (c) Two (2) branches in the municipality of Culasi.

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2 Further, one (1) additional branch of the Municipal Trial Court in the Sixth Judicial
3 Region is likewise created and stationed in the municipality of San Jose, province of
4 Antique.

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

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9 **SEC. 2.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary
10 of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the
11 operationalization of the additional branches of the Regional and Municipal Trial Court in
12 the municipalities of San Jose, Bugasong and Culasi, province of Antique. The funds
13 necessary for the operation of the courts herein created shall be appropriated and
14 released only upon the actual organization of the courts and the appointment of its
15 personnel.

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17 **SEC. 3.** Sections 14 (g) and 30 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as
18 "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and
19 regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or
20 modified accordingly.

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

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25 Approved,

House of Representatives

Committee Affairs Department

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 9408

(in substitution of House Bill No. 7870)
(Approved by the Committee on December 16, 2020)

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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 PROVISION:

- Creates seven (7) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) and one (1) additional branch of the Municipal Trial Court (MTC) in the province of Antique to be stationed as follows:
 - Three (3) RTC branches in the municipality of San Jose;
 - Two (2) RTC branches in the municipality of Bugasong;
 - Two (2) RTC branches in the municipality of Culasi; and
 - One (1) MTC branch in the municipality of San Jose.

- Mandates that the funds for the operation of the additional court branches 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**, as amended, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980"