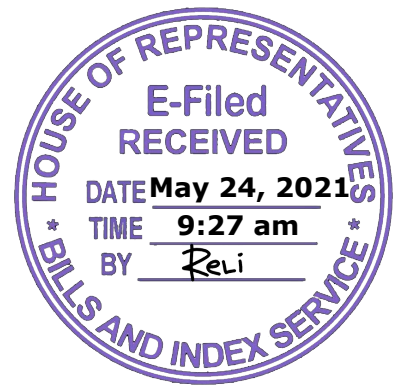


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 987

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

Re: House Bill No. **9409**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5377

Sponsors: Representatives Vicente "Ching" S. E. Veloso III, Eric Go Yap, and Divina Grace C. Yu

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Justice and Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 5377, introduced by Representative Divina Grace C. Yu, entitled:

"AN ACT

CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN CITIES IN PAGADIAN CITY, PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, 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. **9409** entitled:

"AN ACT

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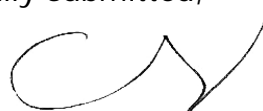
be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 5377, with Representatives Divina Grace C. Yu, Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III, Eric Go Yap, Rose Marie "Baby" J. Arenas, Jose L. Atienza, Jr., Evelina G. Escudero, Ferdinand L. Hernandez, Rodante D. Marcoleta, Strike B. Revilla, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Deogracias 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, Jr., Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong, Romeo S. Momo. Sr., Corazon T. Nuñez-Malanyaon, Manuel T. Sagarbarria, David "Jay-Jay" C. Suarez, Jose Antonio "Kuya" Sy-Alvarado, Alfred D. Vargas, Micaela S. Violago, Manuel F. Zubiri, Antonio "Tonypet" T. Albano, Angelo Marcos

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Respectfully submitted,



ERIC GO YAP
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations



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.** Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and two (2) additional
2 branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the Ninth Judicial Region are hereby created
3 and stationed in the City of Pagadian, Province of Zamboanga del Sur.
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5 The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created
6 branches of the Regional Trial Court and Municipal Trial Court in Cities.
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8 **SEC. 2.** The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the
9 Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the operationalization
10 of the additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the
11 City of Pagadian, Province of Zamboanga del Sur. The funds necessary for the operation of the
12 courts herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of
13 the courts and the appointment of its personnel.
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15 **SEC. 3.** Sections 14 (j) and 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, as amended, otherwise known

1 as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and
2 regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified
3 accordingly.

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

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8 Approved,

House of Representatives

Committee Affairs Department

FACT SHEET

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(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 declóg court dockets.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Creates two (2) additional branches of Regional Trial Courts (RTC) and two (2) additional branches of Municipal Trial Courts in Cities (MTCC) in Pagadian City, Province of Zamboanga del Sur
- Mandates that the funds for the operation of the additional RTC and MTCC branches shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the courts and the appointment of its personnel.

RELATED LAWS:

- **Batas Pambansa Blg. 129**, as amended, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980"