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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:

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have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 10064 entitled:

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be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 6067, with Representatives Roger G. Mercado, Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III, Eric Go Yap, Strike B. Revilla, Kristine Singson-Meehan, Tyrone D. Agabas, Juan Miguel Macapagal Arroyo, Stella Luz A. Quimbo, Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, Elenita Milagros "Eileen" Ermita-Buhain, Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan, Ruffy B. Biazon, Peter John D. Calderon, Junie E. Cua, Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe, Paul Ruiz Daza, Rudys Caesar G. Fariñas I, Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III, Greg G. Gasataya, Ed Christopher S. Go, Ruwel Peter Gonzaga, Sandro L. Gonzalez, Teodorico Haresco, Jr., Jocelyn Sy Limkaichong, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Manuel T. Sagarbarria, Joey Sarte Salceda, David "Jay-Jay" C. Suarez, Jose "Pingping" I. Tejada, Micaela S. Violago, Manuel F. Zubiri, Cyrille "Beng" F. Abueg-Zaldivar, Julienne "Jam" Baronda, Jose Francisco "Kiko" B. Benitez, Ph.D.,

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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 in the Eighth
2 Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the City of Maasin and in the
3 Municipality of Sogod, all in the Province of Southern Leyte.

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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.

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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 in the City of
11 Maasin and in the Municipality of Sogod, all in the Province of Southern Leyte. 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.** Section 14 (i) of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The
6 Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and
7 regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or
8 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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(Approved by the Committee on February 10, 2021)

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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 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