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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1172**

Submitted by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations on August 25, 2021

Re: House Bill No. 10074

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 1<sup>ST</sup> 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. 10074 entitled:

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be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 7363, with Representatives Sandra Y. Eriguel, Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III, Eric Go Yap, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano, Lianda B. Bolilia, John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto, Argel Joseph T. Cabatbat, Lorna P. Bautista-Bandigan, Ruffy B. Biazon, Junie E. Cua, Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, Manuel Jose "Mannix" M. Dalipe, Paul Ruiz Daza, Michael John R. Duavit, Rudys 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. Sagarbarria, Jose "Pingping" I. Tejada, Micaela S. Violago, Way Kurat Zamora, Cyrille "Beng" F. Abueg-Zaldivar, Yasser Alonto Balindong, Gabriel H. Bordado, Jr., Narciso R. Bravo, Jr., Carl Nicolas C. Cari, Sergio C. Dagooc, Maximo Y. Dalog, Jr., Cheryl P. Deloso-Montalla, Abdullah D. Dimaporo, Alan R. Dujali, Faustino "Inno" A. Dy V, Michael B. Gorriceta, Eduardo "Eddie" R. Gullas, Godofredo N. Guya, Ann K. Hofer, Glona G. Labadlabad, Edward Vera Perez Maceda, Maricel G. Natividad-Nagaño, 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-Nogralas, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Mark O. Go, Joseph "Jojo" L. Lara, Virgilio S. Lacson, Dahlia A. Loyola, Macnell M. Lusotan, Josephine Ramirez-Sato, Amihilda J. Sangcopan, Rowena Niña O. Taturan and Victor A. Yap as authors thereof.



**ERIC GO YAP**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Appropriations

Respectfully submitted,



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

**THE HONORABLE SPEAKER**  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

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

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

1 organization of the court and the appointment of its personnel.

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

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

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11 Approved,

# House of Representatives

## Committee Affairs Department

### FACT SHEET

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(Approved by the Committee on March 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 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"