# Republic of the Philippines **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES** Ouezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS

First Regular Session

COMMITTEE REPORT NO.

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Submitted by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations on FEB 1 8 2020

Re: House Bill No. 6327

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2423

Sponsors: Representatives Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III, Isidro T. Ungab, Glona G.

Labadlabad and Alfredo A. Garbin, Jr.

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Justice and Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 2423, introduced by Rep. Glona G. Labadlabad entitled:

### "AN ACT

CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE 2ND DISTRICT OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, WITH STATIONS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF SINDANGAN AND THE CITY OF DIPOLOG, AND ONE (1) BRANCH OF MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES, WITH STATION IN THE CITY OF DIPOLOG, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980' AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

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

### "AN ACT

CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND FIVE (5) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE NINTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14(J) AND 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED"

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 2423, with Representatives Glona G. Labadlabad, Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III, Isidro T. Ungab, Alfredo A. Garbin, Jr., Junie E. Cua, Romeo M. Jalosjos, Jr., Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, Peter John D. Calderon, David "Jay-Jay" C. Suarez, Genaro M. Alvarez, Jr., Yasser Alonto Balindong, Francisco "Kiko" B. Benitez, Gabriel H. Bordado, Jr., Wilfredo "Willie" S. Caminero, Ian Paul L. Dy, Mark O. Go, Pablo C. Ortega, Marisol C. Panotes, Roman T. Romulo, Josefina B. Tallado, Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, and Kristine Alexei B. Tutor as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairperson

 VICENTE "CHING" S.E. VELOSO III

Chairperson

Committee on Justice

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES QUEZON CITY

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HOUSE BILL NO.

(in substitution of House Bill No. 2423)

Introduced by Representatives Glona G. Labadlabad, Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III, Isidro T. Ungab, Alfredo A. Garbin, Jr., Junie E. Cua, Romeo M. Jalosjos, Jr., Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, Peter John D. Calderon, David "Jay-Jay" C. Suarez, Genaro M. Alvarez, Jr., Yasser Alonto Balindong, Francisco "Kiko" B. Benitez, Gabriel H. Bordado, Jr., Wilfredo "Willie" S. Caminero, Ian Paul L. Dy, Mark O. Go, Pablo C. Ortega, Marisol C. Panotes, Roman T. Romulo, Josefina B. Tallado, Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, and Kristine Alexei B. Tutor

## AN ACT

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

**SECTION 1.** Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court are hereby created in the Ninth Judicial Region, with one (1) branch each to be stationed in the City of Dipolog and in the Municipality of Sindangan, Province of Zamboanga del Norte.

Five (5) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities are likewise created in the Ninth Judicial Region, all to be stationed in the City of Dipolog, Province of Zamboanga del Norte.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly-created branches of the Regional Trial Court and Municipal Trial Court in Cities.

- **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 two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and five (5) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte. The funds necessary for the operation of the courts herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the courts and the appointment of its personnel.
- **SEC. 3.** Sections 14(j) and 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, 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. 6327

(in substitution of House Bill No. 2423)
(Approved by the Committee on December 10, 2019)

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Committee Referral: Committees on Justice and Appropriations
Committee Chairpersons: Reps. VICENTE "CHING" S.E. VELOSO III and ISIDRO T. UNGAB

### **OBJECTIVE:**

To ensure the speedy disposition of cases and to declog court dockets.

### **KEY PROVISION:**

 Creates two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) and five (5) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC) in the Ninth Judicial Region to be stationed in the Province of Zamboanga del Norte.

### **RELATED LAWS:**

BP 129 (Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980)