

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 233**

Submitted by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations on **FEB 18 2020**

Re: House Bill No. **6323**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2655

Sponsors: Representatives Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III, Isidro T. Ungab and Joseph Sto. Niño B. Bernos

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Justice and Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 2655, introduced by Rep. Joseph Sto. Niño B. Bernos entitled:

**"AN ACT**


CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF ABRA TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (A) OF 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. **6323** entitled:

**"AN ACT**


CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LA PAZ, PROVINCE OF ABRA, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14(A) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED"

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 2655, with Representatives Joseph Sto. Niño B. Bernos, Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III, Isidro T. Ungab, 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, Glona G. Labadlabad, 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.



**ISIDRO T. UNGAB** *lu*  
Chairperson  
Committee on Appropriations

Respectfully submitted,



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

**THE HONORABLE SPEAKER**  
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**HOUSE BILL NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

(in substitution of House Bill No. 2655)

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

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

The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number for the newly-created branch of the Regional Trial Court.

**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 additional branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of La Paz, Province of Abra. The funds necessary for the operation of the court herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the court and the appointment of its personnel.

**SEC. 3.** Section 14(a) 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. 6323**

(in substitution of House Bill No. 2655)

(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 one (1) additional branch of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the First Judicial Region to be stationed in the Municipality of La Paz, Province of Abra.

**RELATED LAWS:**

- **BP 129** (Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980)