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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session



COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 102

Submitted by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations on **NOV 27 2019**

Re: House Bill No. **5658**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 724, 4190 and 4714

Sponsors: Representatives Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III, Isidro T. Ungab and Lucy Torres-Gomez

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Justice and Appropriations, to which were referred House Bill No. 724, introduced by Rep. Lucy Torres-Gomez, entitled:

"AN ACT

CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES (MTCC) IN THE CITY OF ORMOC, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";

House Bill No. 4190, introduced by Rep. Lucy Torres-Gomez, entitled:

"AN ACT

CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF ORMOC, PROVINCE OF LEYTE AND SIX (6) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT, ONE BRANCH TO BE STATIONED IN EACH OF THE MUNICIPALITIES OF PALOMPON, KANANGA, ISABEL, MERIDA, ALBUERA AND MATAG-OB, IN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE, EIGHTH JUDICIAL REGION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (I) AND SECTION 30 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"; and

House Bill No. 4714, introduced by Rep. Lucy Torres-Gomez, entitled:

"AN ACT

CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT (RTC) AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES (MTCC), TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF ORMOC, THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE, IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL REGION, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (I) AND SECTION 29 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. 5658 entitled:

"AN ACT

CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF ORMOC, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14(I) AND 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED"

be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 724, 4190 and 4714, with Representatives Lucy Torres-Gomez, Vicente "Ching" S.E. Veloso III, Isidro T. Ungab, Juan Fidel Felipe F. Nograles, Alfredo A. Garbin, Jr., Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga, Peter John D. Calderon, Aleta C. Suarez, Lawrence "Law" H. Fortun, Arlene D. Brosas, Aurelio "Dong" D. Gonzales, Jr., Rodante D. Marcoleta, Henry S. Oaminal, Carlos Isagani T. Zarate, Alan "Aldu" R. Dujali, Luis "Jon-Jon" A. Ferrer IV, Rowena Niña O. Taturan, France L. Castro, Romeo M. Jalosjos, Jr., Juliette T. Uy, Manuel Antonio F. Zubiri, Diego C. Ty, Eddiebong G. Plaza, Joselito "Joel" S. Sacdalan, Gil "Kabarangay Jr" A. Acosta, Angelo Marcos Barba, Eduardo "Eddie" R. Gullas, Hector S. Sanchez, Yasser Alonto Balindong, Pablo C. Ortega, Sergio C. Dagooc, Godofredo N. Guya, Gabriel H. Bordado, Jr., Stella Luz A. Quimbo, Isagani S. Amatong, Joel Mayo Z. Almario and Sandra Y. Eriguel, M.D. as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations



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Committee on Justice

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5658

(in substitution of House Bills Numbered 724, 4190 & 4714)

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AN ACT

CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF ORMOC, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14(I) AND 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED

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

SECTION 1. Four (4) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the Eighth Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the City of Ormoc, Province of Leyte.

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 four (4) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court and two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the City of Ormoc, Province of Leyte, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. Sections 14(i) 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. 5658

(in substitution of House Bills Numbered 724, 4190 and 4714)

(Approved by the Committee on November 19, 2019)

“AN ACT

CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL REGION AND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF ORMOC, PROVINCE OF LEYTE, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14(I) AND 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980', AS AMENDED”

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*Committee Referral: **Committees on Justice***

*Committee Chairpersons: Rep. **VICENTE “CHING” S.E. VELOSO***

OBJECTIVE:

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

KEY PROVISION:

- Creates four (4) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the Eight Judicial Region and two (2) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court (MTC) to be stationed in the City of Ormoc, Province of Leyte.

RELATED LAWS:

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