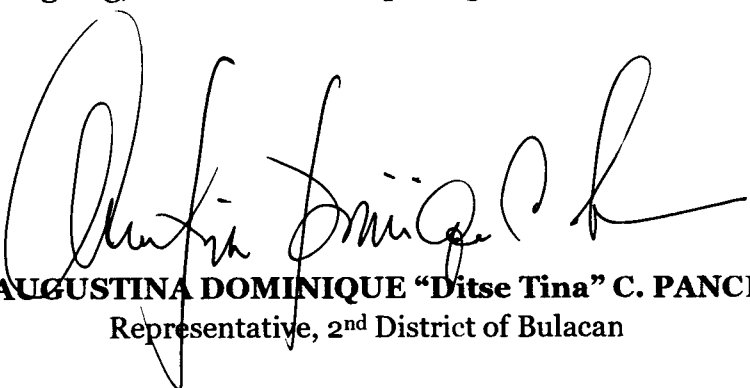




to justice for litigants from Baliwag City and its surrounding areas, in line with the constitutional guarantee of speedy disposition of cases.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.



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HOUSE BILL NO. 9671

Introduced by
Representative AUGUSTINA DOMINIQUE “Ditse Tina” C. PANCHO

**“AN ACT
CREATING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL
COURT IN CITIES (MTCC) TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF
BALIWAG, PROVINCE OF BULACAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE
SECTION 14(G) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS “THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980,” AS AMENDED,
AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR”**

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

SECTION 1. Establishment of Additional MTCC Branch. There shall be one (1) additional branch of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC) to be stationed in the City of Baliwag, Province of Bulacan. The additional MTCC branch shall be designated in accordance with rules and regulations of the Supreme Court and shall exercise jurisdiction over cases within its territorial jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. Notification and Implementation. The Supreme Court shall be notified of the establishment of the additional MTCC branch in Baliwag City. It shall issue the necessary rules, orders, and implementing guidelines for its effective implementation.

SECTION 3. Operationalization and Personnel Appointment. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of Justice, shall include in the Judiciary’s program the operationalization of the additional MTCC branch. Judges and court personnel shall be appointed in accordance with existing laws and regulations.

SECTION 4. Appropriations. The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations of the Supreme Court. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Act is declared invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. Repealing Clause. Section 29 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, as amended, and all inconsistent laws, rules, and regulations are hereby amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,