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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 612

Submitted by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations on September 7, 2026

Re: House Bill No. 11162

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 2362 and 5548

Sponsors: Representatives Atty. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, and Nelson S. Legacion

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Justice and Appropriations, to which were referred House Bill No. 2362 introduced by Representative Nelson S. Legacion, entitled:

"AN ACT

CREATING ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT AND THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE 5TH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALABANGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, AND THE CITY OF NAGA, FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980," AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR";

and House Bill No. 5548, introduced by Representative Nelson S. Legacion, entitled:

"AN ACT

CREATING ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT, THE FAMILY COURT, THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES, AND THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN THE 5TH JUDICIAL REGION, TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CALABANGA, AND PILI, AS WELL AS THE CITY OF NAGA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR FURTHER AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 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. 11162 entitled:

AN ACT

CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT, TWO (2) ADDITIONAL FAMILY COURTS, THREE (3) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES, AND ONE (1) ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT, IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES SUR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14(F), 29 AND 30 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED

be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 2362 and 5548 , with Representatives Nelson S. Legacion, Atty. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, Jonathan Keith T. Flores, Jose "Joboy" S. Aquino II, Lordan G. Suan, Bienvenido M. Abante, Jr., Jude A. Acidre, Jan "Atty. JP" Padiernos, Jose Manuel Tadeo "Chel" I. Diokno, Shirlyn L. Bañas-Nogralles, Henry "Indy" F. Oaminal, Jr., Dale B. Corvera, Keith Micah "Atty Mike" D.L. Tan, Janette L. Garin, Marie Bernadette G. Escudero, Jose "Bong" J. Teves Jr. Albert S. Garcia, Arnie B. Fuentesbella, Bella Vanessa B. Suansing, Monique Yazmin Maria Q. Lagdameo, Romeo S. Momo Sr., Jose C. Alvarez, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Joseph S. Tan, Loreto S. Amante, Alexandria "Queenie" Gonzales, Ma. Isabel L.

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Respectfully submitted,



MIKAELA ANGELA B. SUANSING
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations



Atty. GERVILLE "JINKY BITRICS" R. LUISTRO
Chairperson
Committee on Justice

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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, two (2) additional Family Courts, three (3) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities, and one (1) additional branch of Municipal Trial Court in the Fifth Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the Province of Camarines Sur, as follows:

1. Two (2) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of Calabanga and City of Naga;
2. Two (2) additional branches of the Family Court in the Municipality of Calabanga and City of Naga;
3. Three (3) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the City of Naga; and
4. One (1) additional branch of the Municipal Trial Court in the Municipality of Pili.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches of the Regional Trial Court, Family Court, Municipal Trial Court in Cities and Municipal 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 branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Municipality of Calabanga and City of Naga,

23 additional branches of the Family Court in the Municipality of Calabanga and City of Naga, additional
24 branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the City of Naga, and additional branch of the
25 Municipal Trial Court in the Municipality of Pili, Province of Camarines Sur.
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27 **SEC. 3.** The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act, including appropriations for
28 personnel services such as salaries, benefits and emoluments for judges and court personnel, court
29 operations under maintenance and other operating expenses, and provisions for Halls of Justice or
30 courtrooms to accommodate judges and court staff, as well as funds necessary for the implementation
31 of automatically-created prosecutor positions pursuant to Section 13 of Republic Act No. 10071 or the
32 "Prosecution Service Act of 2010" and appointment of public attorneys pursuant to Section 7 of
33 Republic Act No. 9406 or the "Act Reorganizing and Strengthening the Public Attorney's Office (PAO),
34 Amending for the Purpose Pertinent Provisions of Executive Order No. 292, Otherwise Known as the
35 "Administrative Code 1987", As Amended, Granting Special Allowance to PAO Officials and Lawyers,
36 and Providing Funds Therefor", resulting from the creation of these courts, including appropriations
37 for personnel services such as salaries, benefits, and emoluments for prosecutors and public
38 attorneys, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
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40 The funds necessary for the operation of the courts herein created shall be appropriated and
41 released only upon the actual organization of the court and the appointment of its personnel.
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43 **SEC. 4.** Sections 14(f), 29 and 30 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary
44 Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which are
45 inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.
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47 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in
48 a newspaper of general circulation.
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50 Approved,

House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 11162

(in substitution of House Bills Numbered 2362 and 5548)
Approved by the Committee on Justice on December 3, 2025

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*Committee Referral: **COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE (Primary)***

*Committee Chairperson: **REP. Atty. GERVILLE "JINKY BITRICS" R. LUISTRO***

*Committee Referral: **COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS (Secondary)***

*Committee Chairperson: **REP. MIKAELA ANGELA B. SUANSING***

OBJECTIVE:

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

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Creates two (2) additional Branches of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the Municipality of Calabanga and City of Naga, two (2) additional Family Courts in the Municipality of Calabanga and City of Naga, three (3) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the City of Naga, and one (1) additional branch of the Municipal Trial Court in the Municipality of Pili, Province of Camarines Sur.
- Mandates that the funds necessary for the implementation of this Act, including appropriations for personnel services such as salaries, benefits, and emoluments for judges and court personnel, court operations under maintenance and other operating expenses, and provisions for Halls of Justice or courtrooms to accommodate judges and court staff, as well as funds necessary for the implementation of automatically-

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- Provides that the funds necessary for the operation of the courts herein created shall be appropriated and released only upon the actual organization of the court and the appointment of its personnel.

RELATED LAW:

- **Batas Pambansa Blg. 129**, as amended, otherwise known as "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980"