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**TWENTIETH CONGRESS**  
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**COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 621**

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

Re: House Bill No. **11171**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3948

Sponsors: Representatives Atty. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing and Timothy Joseph Cayton

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Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Justice and Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 3948, introduced by Representative Timothy Joseph Cayton, entitled:

**AN ACT**

**CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS IN THE PROVINCE OF NUEVA VIZCAYA, TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ALFONSO CASTAÑEDA, DIADI, QUEZON, AND STA. FE, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE 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. **11171**, entitled:

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be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 3948, with Representatives Timothy Joseph Cayton, Atty. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, Atty. Jennifer "Karen" A. Lagbas, Jonathan Keith T. Flores, Laarni Lavin Roque, Emigdio P. Tanjuatco, III, King George Leandro Antonio V. Collantes, Loreto S. Amante, Arnan C. Panaligan, Lordan G. Suan, Janice Degamo, Bernadette S. Barbers, Jan "Atty. JP" Padiernos, Oscar G. Malapitan, Irene G. Labadlabad, Franz S. Pumaren, Kenneth T. Gatchalian, Christopherson "Coco" M. Yap, Keith Micah "Atty Mike" D.L. Tan, Janette L. Garin, Marie Bernadette G. Escudero, Jose "Bong" J. Teves, Jr. Albert S. Garcia, Arnie B. Fuentebella, 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. Sagarbarria, Rodolfo "Ompong" M. Ordanes, Brian Poe, Reynante U. Arrogancia, Gerardo "Gerryboy" J. Espina, Jr., Dante S. Garcia, Ma. Cristina Talavera Lopez, Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay, Claudine Diana D. Bautista-Lim, Patricia C. Calderon, Ricardo S. Cruz, Jr., Maximo Y. Dalog, Jr., Felimon M. Espares, Carlos Andes Loria, Antolin A. Oreta III, Rolando M. Valeriano, Florabel C. Yatco, Antonino B. Roman III, Nelson S. Legacion, Dibu S. Tuan, Amado Carlos A. Bolilia IV, Arlyn P. Ayon, Iris Marie Demesa Montes, Elijah Rumbaoa San Fernando, Audrey Kay T. Zubiri, Jan Franz Norbert Joselito A. Chan, Mark O. Cojuangco, Gerald Cloyd Alexis V. Galang, Jesus "Jess" R. Marquez, Roman T. Romulo and Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



**MIKAELA ANGELA B. SUANSING**  
Chairperson  
Committee on Appropriations



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

**THE HONORABLE SPEAKER**  
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**HOUSE BILL NO. 11171**

(In substitution of House Bill No. 3948)

Introduced by Representatives Timothy Joseph Cayton, Atty. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, Atty. Jennifer "Karen" A. Lagbas, Jonathan Keith T. Flores, Laarni Lavin Roque, Emigdio P. Tanjuatco, III, King George Leandro Antonio V. Collantes, Loreto S. Amante, Arnan C. Panaligan, Lordan G. Suan, Janice Degamo, Bernadette S. Barbers, Jan "Atty. "JP" Padiernos, Oscar G. Malapitan, Irene G. Labadlabad, Franz S. Pumaren, Kenneth T. Gatchalian, Christopherson "Coco" M. Yap, Keith Micah "Atty Mike" D.L. Tan, Janette L. Garin, Marie Bernadette G. Escudero, Jose "Bong" J. Teves, Jr. Albert S. Garcia, Arnie B. Fuentebella, 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. Sagarbarria, Rodolfo "Ompong" M. Ordanes, Brian Poe, Reynante U. Arrogancia, Gerardo "Gerryboy" J. Espina, Jr., Dante S. Garcia, Ma. Cristina Talavera Lopez, Milagros Aquino-Magsaysay, Claudine Diana D. Bautista-Lim, Patricia C. Calderon, Ricardo S. Cruz, Jr., Maximo Y. Dalog, Jr., Felimon M. Espares, Carlos Andes Loria, Antolin A. Oreta III, Rolando M. Valeriano, Florabel C. Yatco, Antonino B. Roman III, Nelson S. Legacion, Dibu S. Tuan, Amado Carlos A. Bolilia IV, Arlyn P. Ayon, Iris Marie Demesa Montes, Elijah Rumbaoa San Fernando, Audrey Kay T. Zubiri, Jan Franz Norbert Joselito A. Chan, Mark O. Cojuangco, Gerald Cloyd Alexis V. Galang, Jesus "Jess" R. Marquez, Roman T. Romulo and Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica

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

**SECTION 1.** Four (4) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in the Second Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the Municipalities of Diadi, Quezon, Sta. Fe, and Alfonso Castañeda, Province of Nueva Vizcaya.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches of the Municipal Trial Courts.

**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 Municipal Trial Courts in the Municipalities of Diadi, Quezon, Sta. Fe, and Alfonso Castañeda, Province of Nueva Vizcaya.

**SEC. 3.** 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-created prosecutor positions pursuant to Section 13 of Republic Act No. 10071 or the

18 "Prosecution Service Act of 2010" and appointment of public attorneys pursuant to Section 7 of  
19 Republic Act No. 9406 or the "Act Reorganizing and Strengthening the Public Attorney's Office (PAO),  
20 Amending for the Purpose Pertinent Provisions of Executive Order No. 292, Otherwise Known as the  
21 "Administrative Code 1987", As Amended, Granting Special Allowance to PAO Officials and Lawyers,  
22 and Providing Funds Therefor", resulting from the creation of these courts, including appropriations  
23 for personnel services such as salaries, benefits, and emoluments for prosecutors and public  
24 attorneys, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.  
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26 The funds necessary for the operation of the courts herein created shall be appropriated and  
27 released only upon the actual organization of the court and the appointment of its personnel.  
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29 **SEC. 4.** Section 30 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The Judiciary  
30 Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which are  
31 inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.  
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33 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in  
34 a newspaper of general circulation.  
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36 Approved,

**House of Representatives  
Committee Affairs Department**

**FACT SHEET**

**House Bill No. 11171**

(in substitution of House Bill No. 3948)

Approved by the Committee on Justice on November 19, 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 (4) additional branches of the Municipal Trial Courts in the (MTC) Municipalities of Diadi, Quezon, Sta Fe, and Alfonso Castañeda, Province of Nueva Vizcaya.
- 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-created prosecutor positions pursuant to Section 13 of Republic Act No. 10071 or the “Prosecution Service Act of 2010” and appointment of public attorneys pursuant to Section 7 of Republic Act No. 9406 or the “Act Reorganizing and Strengthening the Public Attorney’s Office (PAO), Amending for the Purpose Pertinent Provisions of Executive Order No. 292, Otherwise Known as the “Administrative Code 1987”, As

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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”