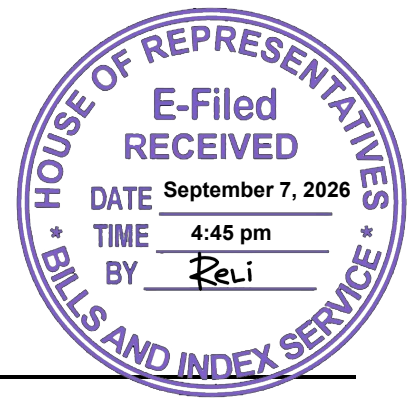


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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 629

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

Re: House Bill No. **11180**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5565

Sponsors: Representatives Atty. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing and Shirlyn L. Bañas-Nogralas

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Justice and Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 5565, introduced by Representative Shirlyn L. Bañas-Nogralas, entitled:

AN ACT

CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **11180**, entitled:

AN ACT

CREATING TWO (2) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE CITY OF GENERAL SANTOS, PROVINCE OF SOUTH COTABATO, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 29 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980", AS AMENDED

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 5565, with Representatives Shirlyn L. Bañas-Nogralas, 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, Nelson S. Legacion, 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. 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, Timothy Joseph E. Cayton, 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, Atty. Jennifer "Karen" A. Lagbas, Jesus "Jess" R. Marquez, Roman T. Romulo and Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica as authors thereof.



MIKAELA ANGELA B. SUANSING
Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations

Respectfully submitted,



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

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 11180
(in substitution of House Bill No. 5565)

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AN ACT

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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 Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the Eleventh Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the City of General Santos, Province of South Cotabato.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches of the 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 additional branches of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the City of General Santos, Province of South Cotabato.

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 "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 Amended, Granting Special Allowance to PAO Officials and Lawyers, and Providing Funds Therefor", resulting from the creation of these courts, including appropriations for personnel services such as salaries, benefits, and emoluments for prosecutors and public attorneys, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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 29 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. 11180

(in substitution of House Bill No. 5565)
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 Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC) in the Eleventh Judicial Region to be stationed in the City of General Santos, Province of South Cotabato
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RELATED LAW:

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