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Quezon City

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 642

Submitted by the Committees on Justice and Appropriations on September 16, 2026

Re: House Bill No. 11368

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1080 and 3829

Sponsors: Representatives Atty. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, Albert S. Garcia and Maria Angela S. Garcia

Mr. Speaker:

The Committees on Justice and Appropriations, to which were referred House Bill Numbered 1080, introduced by Representative Albert S. Garcia, entitled:

AN ACT

CREATING FOUR (4) ADDITIONAL BRANCHES OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT (RTC), INCLUDING A FAMILY COURT, TWO (2) BRANCHES OF MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT (MTC), AND ONE (1) BRANCH OF MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURT IN CITIES (MTCC) IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL REGION TO BE STATIONED IN THE PROVINCE OF BATAAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTIONS 14, 29 AND 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. 3829, introduced by Representative Maria Angela S. Garcia, entitled:

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have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. 11368 entitled:

AN ACT

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

be approved in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1080 and 3829, with Representatives Albert S. Garcia, Maria Angela S. Garcia, Atty. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro, Mikaela Angela B. Suansing, Lordan G. Suan, Arnie B. Fuentesbella, Monique Yazmin Maria Q. Lagdameo, Joseph S. Tan, Loreto S. Amante, Charisse Anne C. Hernandez, Augustina Dominique "Ditse Tina" C. Pancho, Johanne

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Respectfully submitted,



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Chairperson
Committee on Appropriations



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Chairperson
Committee on Justice

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HOUSE BILL NO. 11368

(in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1080 and 3829)

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

SECTION 1. Three (3) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court, one (1) branch of the Family Court, two (2) branches of the Municipal Trial Court and one (1) branch of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the Third Judicial Region are hereby created and stationed in the Province of Bataan, as follows:

1. Three (3) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Municipalities of Dinalupihan and Mariveles, and the City of Balanga respectively;
2. One (1) branch of the Family Court in the Municipality of Dinalupihan;
3. Two (2) branches of the Municipal Trial Court in the Municipalities of Hermosa and Mariveles respectively; and
4. One (1) additional branch of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the City of Balanga.

The Supreme Court shall assign the respective branch numbers for the newly created branches of the Regional Trial Court, Family Court, Municipal 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 three (3) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court in the Municipalities of Dinalupihan and Mariveles, and the City of Balanga, one (1) branch of the Family Court in the Municipality of Dinalupihan, two (2) branches of the Municipal Trial Court in the Municipalities of Hermosa and Mariveles, and one (1) additional branch of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities in the City of Balanga, all in the Province of Bataan.

28 **SEC. 3.** The funds necessary for the implementation of this Act, including appropriations for
29 personnel services such as salaries, benefits and emoluments for judges and court personnel, court
30 operations under maintenance and other operating expenses, and provisions for Halls of Justice or
31 courtrooms to accommodate judges and court staff, as well as funds necessary for the implementation
32 of automatically-created prosecutor positions pursuant to Section 13 of Republic Act No. 10071 or the
33 "Prosecution Service Act of 2010" and appointment of public attorneys pursuant to Section 7 of
34 Republic Act No. 9406 or the "Act Reorganizing and Strengthening the Public Attorney's Office (PAO),
35 Amending for the Purpose Pertinent Provisions of Executive Order No. 292, Otherwise Known as the
36 "Administrative Code 1987", As Amended, Granting Special Allowance to PAO Officials and Lawyers,
37 and Providing Funds Therefor", resulting from the creation of these courts, including appropriations
38 for personnel services such as salaries, benefits, and emoluments for prosecutors and public
39 attorneys, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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41 The funds necessary for the operation of the courts herein created shall be appropriated and
42 released only upon the actual organization of the court and the appointment of its personnel.

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44 **SEC. 4.** Sections 14(c), 29 and 30 of Batas Pambansa Blg. 129, otherwise known as "The
45 Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980", as amended, and all other laws, rules and regulations which
46 are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

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48 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in
49 a newspaper of general circulation.

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51 Approved,

**House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department**

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 11368

(in substitution of House Bills Numbered 1080 and 3829)
Approved by the Committee on Justice on November 26, 2025

AN ACT

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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 three (3) additional branches of the Regional Trial Court (RTC) in the Third Judicial Region to be stationed in the Municipalities of Dinalupihan and Mariveles, and the City of Balanga, one (1) branch of Family Court in the Third Judicial Region to be stationed in the Municipality of Dinalupihan, two (2) branches of the Municipal Trial Court (MTC) in the Third Judicial Region to be stationed in the Municipalities of Hermosa and Mariveles, and one (1) branch of the Municipal Trial Court in Cities (MTCC) in the Third Judicial Region to be stationed in the City of Balanga, all in the Province of Bataan.
- 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 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.

- 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”