



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6916

BY REPRESENTATIVES DEL MAR, HERRERA-DY, ABELLANOSA,
TAMBUNTING, BORDADO, MERCADO, ESCUDERO, MARINO,
CASTRO (F.L.), TINIO, ZARATE, LEACHON, SAVELLANO, ESPINO
AND DALIPE, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1190

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE VENUE OF THE CRIMINAL
AND CIVIL ACTION IN LIBEL CASES AGAINST A
COMMUNITY OR LOCAL JOURNALIST, PUBLICATION
OR BROADCAST STATION

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

1 SECTION 1. The criminal or civil action in cases of libel
2 against a community or local journalist, publication or broadcast
3 station shall be filed in the Regional Trial Court of the province or
4 city where the principal office or place of business of the community
5 or local journalist, publication or broadcast station is located:
6 *Provided*, That the civil action shall be filed in the same court where
7 the criminal action is filed.

8 The term "community or local journalist, publication or
9 broadcast station" refers to a journalist or news medium that
10 operates within a limited area of circulation or broadcast in a city,
11 province or region, as defined under existing laws.

1 SEC. 2. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and
2 regulations, issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the
3 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified
4 accordingly.

5 SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
6 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in any newspaper of general
7 circulation.

Approved,

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