



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 3524

BY REPRESENTATIVES DE GUZMAN AND ZUBIRI, PER COMMITTEE REPORT
No. 179

AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8996, ENTITLED "AN ACT
GRANTING THE END TIME MISSION BROADCASTING
SERVICE, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL,
ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR RELIGIOUS,
EDUCATIONAL AND NON-COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO
AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS ANYWHERE IN
LUZON"

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 8996 is hereby amended to
2 read as follows:

3 "SECTION 1. *Nature and Scope of Franchise.* -- Subject to
4 the provisions of the Constitution and applicable laws, rules and
5 regulations, there is hereby granted to End Time Mission
6 Broadcasting Service, Inc., hereunder referred to as the grantee,
7 its successor or assigns, a franchise to construct, install,

1 establish, operate and maintain for [religious,] educational and
2 [non-] commercial purposes and in the public interest, radio and
3 television broadcasting stations [anywhere in Luzon] IN THE
4 PHILIPPINES, where frequencies and channels are still available
5 for radio and television broadcasting, through microwave,
6 satellite or whatever means, including the use of any new
7 technologies in television and radio systems, with the
8 corresponding technological auxiliaries and facilities, special
9 broadcast and other program and distribution services and relay
10 stations.”

11 SEC. 2. *Dispersal of Ownership.* – In accordance with the
12 constitutional provision to encourage public participation in public utilities, the
13 grantee shall offer at least thirty percentum (30%) of its outstanding capital
14 stock or a higher percentage that may hereafter be provided by law in any
15 securities exchange in the Philippines within five years from the time it has
16 achieved the status of a national broadcasting network. A “national
17 broadcasting network” is hereby defined as one that operates three or more
18 radio and/or television stations. Noncompliance therewith shall render the
19 franchise *ipso facto* revoked.

20 SEC. 3. *Amendments of the Title of Republic Act No. 8996.* – The title
21 of Republic Act No. 8996 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1 “AN ACT GRANTING THE END TIME MISSION
2 BROADCASTING SERVICE, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT,
3 INSTALL, ESTABLISH, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN FOR
4 EDUCATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSES RADIO AND
5 TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES”

6 SEC. 4. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
7 from the date of its publication, upon the initiative of the grantee, in at least
8 two newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines.

 Approved,