



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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RODRIGUEZ, FORTUN, AGABAS, BORDADO, BROSAS AND DELOSO-MONTALLA, PER  
COMMITTEE REPORT No. 922

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**AN ACT  
PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF LAWS IN THE PRINT OR ONLINE  
VERSION OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE AND OF A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL  
CIRCULATION**

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

1           **SECTION 1.** Article 2 of Republic Act No. 386, otherwise known as the "Civil  
2 Code of the Philippines," is hereby amended to read as follows:

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4           **"ARTICLE 2.** Laws shall take effect [after] fifteen (15) days  
5 [following the completion of] **AFTER** their publication [either] **IN FULL**,  
6 in the **PRINT OR ONLINE VERSION OF THE Official Gazette**, or in  
7 **THE PRINT OR ONLINE VERSION OF** a newspaper of general  
8 circulation in the Philippines, unless [it] **A DIFFERENT PERIOD** is  
9 otherwise [provided.] **PRESCRIBED TO RESPOND TO A NATIONAL**  
10 **EMERGENCY: PROVIDED, THAT PUBLICATION IN THE ONLINE**  
11 **VERSION OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE AND THE NEWSPAPER**  
12 **OF GENERAL CIRCULATION SHALL INDICATE THE OFFICIAL**  
13 **DATE OF THE PUBLICATION.**

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15           **"AS USED IN THIS ACT, THE TERM "LAWS" SHALL REFER**  
16 **TO:**

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18           **"(1) ALL STATUTES ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF**  
19 **THE PHILIPPINES;**

1           “(2) ALL ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS, CIRCULARS, AND  
2 OTHER ISSUANCES PROMULGATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
3 PHILIPPINES PURSUANT TO THE ORDINANCE POWER, AS  
4 PROVIDED FOR BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 292, OTHERWISE  
5 KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1987; OR  
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7           “(3) ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED TO  
8 IMPLEMENT OR ENFORCE STATUTES PURSUANT TO A VALID  
9 DELEGATION OF LEGISLATIVE POWER BY THE CONGRESS OF  
10 THE PHILIPPINES.”  
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12           **SEC. 2.** Section 18 of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the  
13 Administrative Code of 1987, is hereby amended to read as follows:  
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15           “**SEC. 18. *When Laws Take Effect.*** – Laws shall take effect  
16 after fifteen (15) days following the completion of their publication in the  
17 **PRINT OR ONLINE VERSION OF THE *Official Gazette*** or **IN THE**  
18 **PRINT OR ONLINE VERSION OF [in]** a newspaper of general  
19 circulation, unless [it] **A DIFFERENT PERIOD** is otherwise [provided.]  
20 **PRESCRIBED TO RESPOND TO A NATIONAL EMERGENCY.”**  
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22           **SEC. 3.** Sections 24 and 25 of the same Executive Order are hereby  
23 amended to read as follows:  
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25           “**SEC. 24. *Contents.*** – There shall be published in the *Official*  
26 *Gazette*, **IN ITS PRINT AND ONLINE VERSION**, all legislative acts and  
27 resolutions of a public nature; all executive and administrative issuances  
28 of general application; decisions or abstracts of decisions of the  
29 Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals, or other courts of similar rank,  
30 as may be deemed by the said courts of sufficient importance to be so  
31 published; such documents or classes of documents as may be required  
32 so to be published by law; and such documents or classes of documents  
33 as the President shall determine from time to time to have general  
34 application or which he may **BE** authorized so to be published.  
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36           “The publication of any law, resolution or other official documents  
37 in the *Official Gazette* shall be *prima facie* evidence of its authority.

38           “**SEC. 25. *Editing and Publications.*** – The *Official Gazette*  
39 shall be edited in the Office of the President and published weekly in  
40 [Pilipino] **FILIPINO** or in English language **IN PRINT OR THROUGH**  
41 **THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE WEBSITE MANAGED BY THE OFFICE OF**  
42 **THE PRESIDENT OR SUCH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR**  
43 **OFFICE AUTHORIZED BY THE PRESIDENT. [It] THE PRINT**

1       **VERSION OF THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE** shall be sold and distributed  
2       by the National Printing Office which shall promptly mail copies thereof  
3       to the subscribers free of postage."

4       **SEC. 4.** If any portion or provision of this Act is subsequently declared invalid or  
5       unconstitutional, the other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall  
6       remain in full force and effect.

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8       **SEC. 5.** Executive Order No. 200, dated June 18, 1987, is hereby repealed.  
9       Sections 18, 24 and 25 of Executive Order No. 292, otherwise known as the  
10      Administrative Code of 1987, are hereby amended. All other laws, acts, presidential  
11      decrees, executive orders, presidential proclamations, issuances, rules and  
12      regulations or parts thereof which are contrary to or inconsistent with any of the  
13      provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

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

16      Approved,