

tions: *Provided, however,* That for any oath or affirmation administered by him, no fee shall be charged or collected.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved, June 17, 1949.

H. No. 2118

[REPUBLIC ACT No. 386]

AN ACT TO ORDAIN AND INSTITUTE THE CIVIL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

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

PRELIMINARY TITLE

CHAPTER 1

EFFECT AND APPLICATION OF LAWS

ARTICLE 1. This Act shall be known as the "Civil Code of the Philippines." (n)

ART. 2. Laws shall take effect after fifteen days following the completion of their publication in the *Official Gazette*, unless it is otherwise provided. This Code shall take effect one year after such publication. (1a)

ART. 3. Ignorance of the law excuses no one from compliance therewith. (2)

ART. 4. Laws shall have no retroactive effect, unless the contrary is provided. (3)

GUIDE TO ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Meaning
n	= New article, section, chapter, or title, not found in the old Civil Code.
a	= Amended. Thus (30a) signifies that article 30 of the old Civil Code has been amended.

A plain number
at the end of
an article. } = An article of the old Civil Code has been entirely preserved. Thus (1095) means that article 1095 of that Code has been entirely preserved.

ART. 2268. Suits between members of the same family which are pending at the time this Code goes into effect shall be suspended, under such terms as the court may determine, in order that a compromise may be earnestly sought, or, in case of legal separation proceedings, for the purpose of effecting, if possible, a reconciliation. (n)

ART. 2269. The principles upon which the preceding transitional provisions are based shall, by analogy, be applied to cases not specifically regulated by them. (Rule 13a)

REPEALING CLAUSE

ART. 2270. The following laws and regulations are hereby repealed:

(1) Those parts and provisions of the Civil Code of 1889 which are in force on the date when this new Civil Code becomes effective;

(2) The provisions of the Code of Commerce governing sales, partnership, agency, loan, deposit and guaranty;

(3) The provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure on prescription as far as inconsistent with this Code; and

(4) All laws, Acts, parts of Acts, rules of court, executive orders, and administrative regulations which are inconsistent with this Code. (n)

Approved, June 18, 1949.