

**[ REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9132, April 24, 2001 ]**

**AN ACT AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8690, ENTITLED "AN ACT GRANTING THE SANTOS TELEPHONE CORPORATION, INC. A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, ESTABLISH, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE LOCAL EXCHANGE NETWORK IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF CALAUAG, LOPEZ, TAGKAWAYAN, GUINAYANGAN, PROVINCE OF QUEZON; THE MUNICIPALITY OF STA. ELENA, PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE; AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF MAJAYJAY, PROVINCE OF LAGUNA"**

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 8690, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1. *Nature and Scope of Franchise.* — Subject to the provisions of the Constitution and applicable laws, rules and regulations, there is hereby granted to the Santos Telephone Corporation, Inc., hereunder referred to as the grantee, its successors or assigns, a franchise to construct, establish, install, maintain and operate for commercial purposes and in the public interest, local exchange network, including public calling stations or pay telephone stations or wireless local loop and for such purposes provide basic telephone service or other means related to the foregoing now known to science or which in the future may be developed, in the Province of Quezon; the Municipality of Sta. Elena, Province of Camarines Norte; the municipalities of Del Gallego and Ragay, Province of Camarines Sur; and the Municipality of Majayjay, Province of Laguna, for public domestic telecommunications."

SEC. 2. Section 4 of Republic Act No. 8690, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. *Responsibility to the Public.* — The grantee shall conform to the ethics of honest enterprise and shall not use its stations for obscene or indecent transmission or for dissemination of deliberately false information or willful misrepresentation, or assist in subversive or treasonable acts. The grantee shall provide basic or enhanced telephone service in the Province of Quezon; the Municipality of Sta. Elena, Province of Camarines Norte; the municipalities of Del Gallego and Ragay, Province of Camarines Sur; and the Municipality of Majayjay, Province of Laguna, where it has an approved certificate of public convenience and necessity for the establishment, operation and maintenance of a local exchange service, without discrimination to any applicant therefor, in the order of the date of their applications, up to the limit of the capacity of its local telephone exchange, and should the demand for the telephone