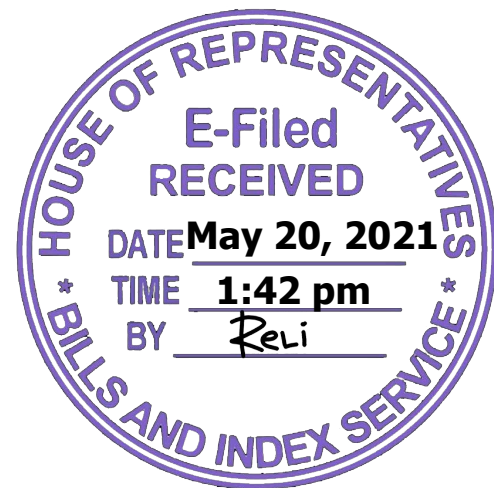


EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE

HOUSE BILL No. 9384

Introduced by:

**REP. FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ & REP. YEDDA MARIE K.
ROMUALDEZ**

**AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 1 OF THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE CITY
GOVERNMENT OF DAVAO UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11538, ENTITLED
"AN ACT GRANTING THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF DAVAO A FRANCHISE TO
CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCASTING
STATIONS IN DAVAO CITY"**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend Section 1 of the Republic Act No. 11538, entitled "An Act Granting the City Government of Davao a franchise to construct, install, operate and maintain radio broadcasting stations in Davao City", to include television broadcasting including digital television system.

The inclusion of television broadcasting station and digital television system in their franchise shall provide adequate public service time to enable the government to reach the population on important public issues. This bill shall also provide at all times sound and balanced programming, assist in the functions of public information and education, and conform to the ethics of honest enterprise.

For these reasons, the passage of this proposed measure is earnestly sought.

Signed,


Rep. FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 11538 is hereby amended to read as
follows:

"SECTION. 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 City Government of Davao, hereunder referred to as the grantee,
its successors or assignees, a franchise to construct, install, establish, operate,
and maintain for commercial purposes and in the public interest, radio AND/OR
TELEVISION broadcasting stations in Davao City, where frequencies AND/or
channels are still available for radio AND/OR TELEVISION broadcasting,
INCLUDING DIGITAL TELEVISION SYSTEM, through microwave, satellite or
whatever means, including the use of any new technology IN TELEVISION AND
radio systems, with the corresponding technological auxiliaries and facilities,
special broadcast and other program and distribution services and relay
stations."

Approved,