

CHAPTER 409

PUBLISHING LIBELOUS STATEMENTS

H. F. 116

AN ACT regarding libelous and defamatory statements published in newspapers or broadcast on radio and television stations.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section six hundred fifty-nine point two (659.2), Code
- 2 1966, is hereby amended as follows:
- 3 1. By inserting in line three (3) after the word "newspaper" the
- 4 words ", free newspaper or shopping guide, or for defamatory state-
- 5 ments made on a radio or television station".
- 6 2. By inserting in line four (4) after the word "published" the
- 7 words "or broadcast".
- 8 3. By inserting in line ten (10) after the word "publication" the
- 9 words "or upon the owner of a radio or television station at his prin-
- 10 cipal place of business".
- 1 SEC. 2. Section six hundred fifty-nine point three (659.3), Code
- 2 1966, is hereby amended as follows:
- 3 1. By inserting in line six (6) after the word "service," the words
- 4 "or in case of a defamatory statement on a radio or television station
- 5 if a retraction or correction thereof be not broadcast at a time con-
- 6 sidered as favorable as that of the defamatory statement within two
- 7 (2) weeks after such service,".
- 8 2. By inserting in line ten (10) after the word "published" the
- 9 words "or broadcast".
- 10 3. By inserting in line three (3) after the word "newspaper" the
- 11 words ", free newspaper or shopping guide,".
- 12 4. By inserting in line thirteen (13) after the word "publication"
- 13 the words "or defamatory statement".

Approved May 25, 1967.

CHAPTER 410

HABEAS CORPUS ACTIONS

S. F. 751

AN ACT to reimburse counties for the payment of attorney fees for indigents in habeas corpus actions.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section six hundred sixty-three point forty-four
- 2 (663.44), Code 1966, is hereby amended by inserting after the period
- 3 in line thirty-two (32) the following:
- 4 "The costs and fees referred to above shall include any award of
- 5 fees made to a court appointed attorney representing an indigent
- 6 party bringing the habeas corpus action."

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