

1 (1) The spouses shall be entitled to live separately from each other, but the
2 marriage bonds shall not be severe;

3 (2) The absolute community or the conjugal partnership shall be dissolved
4 and liquidated but the offending spouse shall have no right to any share of the net
5 profits earned by the absolute community or the conjugal partnership, which shall
6 be forfeited in accordance with the provisions of Article 43(2);

7 (3) The custody of the minor children shall be awarded to the innocent
8 spouse, subject to the provisions of Article 213 of this Code;

9 (4) The offending spouse shall be disqualified from inheriting from the
10 innocent spouse by interstate succession. Moreover, provisions in favor of the
11 offending spouse made in the will of the innocent spouse shall be revoked by
12 operation of law.” AND

13 (5) THE WIFE SHALL HAVE THE OPTION TO CONTINUE USING
14 HER NAME BEFORE THE LEGAL SEPARATION OR HER MAIDEN FIRST
15 NAME AND SURNAME.

16 SECTION 4. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive
17 order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule or regulation contrary to or inconsistent
18 with, the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

19 SECTION 5. *Effectivity Clause.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
20 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

21 Approved,