



CHAPTER 99

N.C.G.S. § 99-1.

Libel against newspaper; defamation by or through radio or television station; notice before action.

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§ 99-1(a) Before any action, either civil or criminal, is brought for the publication, in a newspaper or periodical, of a libel, the plaintiff or prosecutor shall at least five days before instituting such action serve notice in writing on the defendant, specifying the article and the statements therein which he alleges to be false and defamatory.

§ 99-1(b) Before any action, either civil or criminal, is brought for the publishing, speaking, uttering, or conveying by words, acts or in any other manner of a libel or slander by or through any radio or television station, the plaintiff or prosecutor shall at least five days before instituting such action serve notice in writing on the defendant, specifying the time of and the words or acts which he or they allege to be false and defamatory.

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03	C.S.	s. 2429	RECODIFIED
04	1943	c. 238, s. 1	AMENDED

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