I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN*

This is to certify that **Substitute Bill No. 154-31 (COR), "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW SUBSECTION (a) TO §3104 AND A NEW SUBSECTION (a) TO §3105 OF CHAPTER 3, A NEW SUBSECTION (a) TO §20007 OF CHAPTER 20, AND A NEW SUBSECTION (a) TO §21007 OF CHAPTER 21, ALL OF TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO ADD NEW SUBSECTIONS (a) AND (b) TO §2109 OF CHAPTER 21, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE REGISTRATION, EDUCATION CAMPAIGN AND VOTING PROCESS FOR THE PLEBISCITE ON POLITICAL STATUS FOR GUAM, ALL IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSION ON DECOLONIZATION,"** was on the 19th day of September, 2011, duly and regularly passed.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker

Attested:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* this 20th day of Sept., 2011, at 4:10 o'clock P.M.

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Bill No. 154-31 (COR)
As substituted by the Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs, and Human and Natural Resources; and further substituted and amended on the Floor.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. New §§ 3104(a) and 3105(a) are hereby *added* to Chapter 3 of Title 3, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

"**§ 3104. Times for Registration.** Ten (10) days prior to any general, primary or special election, the registration rolls *shall* be closed for that election and no further affidavits of registration shall be accepted by the Commission.

(a) **Exception.** For the purposes of registering eligible persons to vote on the plebiscite relative to Guam's political status, the Commission, in consultation with the Commission on Decolonization for the Implementation and Exercise of *Chamorro* Self Determination, *shall* develop a methodology that will allow a registration process at each of the island's voting precincts and Mayors' offices."

"**§ 3105. Place of Registration.** The registration of electors *shall* be in progress at the main office of the Commission during such hours as the office is open for business at all times prior to the closing of the registration rolls. Electors may also be registered at such times and places within Guam as the Commission *shall* deem advisable and convenient from the time registration is open until twenty-one (21) days prior to an election.

(a) **Exception.** For the purposes of registering eligible persons to vote on the plebiscite relative to Guam's political status, the Commission, in consultation with the Guam Commission on Decolonization for the Implementation and Exercise of *Chamorro* Self Determination, *shall* develop a methodology that will allow a registration process at each of the island's voting precincts and Mayors' offices.

Section 2. A new §20007(a) is hereby *added* to Chapter 20 of Title 3, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

"**§ 20007. Times for Registration.** A person may register with the *Chamorro* Registry at any time during the year, *except* at such times when the Commission *shall* close the registration rolls for the purposes of conducting elections or plebiscites. At such times, the registration rolls *shall* be closed ten (10) days prior to such election or plebiscite.

(a) **Exception.** For the purposes of registering eligible persons to vote on the plebiscite relative to Guam's political status, the Commission, in consultation with the Guam Commission on Decolonization for the Implementation and Exercise of *Chamorro* Self Determination, *shall* develop a methodology that will allow a registration process at each of the island's voting precincts and Mayors' offices."

Section 3. A new §21007(a) is hereby *added* to Chapter 21 of Title 3, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

"**§ 21007. Times for Registration.** A person may register with the Guam Decolonization Registry at any time during the year, *except* at such times when the Commission *shall* close the registration rolls for the purposes of conducting the Political Status Plebiscite. At such times the registration rolls *shall* be closed ten (10) days prior to such Political Status Plebiscite.

(a) **Exception.** For the purposes of registering eligible persons to vote on the plebiscite relative to Guam's political status, the Commission, in consultation with the Commission on Decolonization for the Implementation and Exercise of *Chamorro* Self Determination, *shall* develop a methodology that will allow a

registration process at each of the island's voting precincts and Mayors' offices."

Section 4. New Subsections (a) and (b) are hereby *added* to §2109 of Chapter 21, Title 1, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

"(a) The University of Guam and the Guam Community College may be included in the development and execution of the extensive public education program for the purposes of fulfilling the educational outreach provisions of this Chapter in order to ensure a successful plebiscite relative to Guam's political status determination.

(b) Upon consultation with *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* the Commission on Decolonization and the Guam Election Commission *shall* determine the date for the conducting of a Political Status Plebiscite, which *shall* take place following the completion of the public education program for the purposes of fulfilling the educational outreach provisions of this Chapter."

Section 5. Federal funding provided to Guam from the Department of Interior, or other sources, for education regarding political status or decolonization *shall* be used by the Decolonization Commission for the public education program and educational outreach provisions of Title 1 GCA, Chapter 21. Any unexpended funds formerly allocated to the Guam Election Commission in FY 2011 for education regarding political status *shall* remain with the Guam Election Commission, and the appropriation *shall* carry forward until fully expended. The aforementioned funding for the GEC *shall* be utilized in congruence with efforts and mandates of the Decolonization Commission.

Section 6. The Chairperson of the Commission on Decolonization *shall* submit a progress report within sixty (60) days of the enactment of this Act to *I*

Liheslaturan Guåhan (the Guam Legislature) which *shall* document the plans of the Commission to hold the plebiscite on the political status for Guam, inclusive of proposed procedures timelines.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Act *shall* be effective upon its enactment into law. The Guam Election Commission *shall* propose the methodology as contained in provisions of this Act, in consultation with the Commission on Decolonization for the Implementation and Exercise of *Chamorro* Self Determination, *no later than* thirty (30) days after the start of the first (1st) quarter of the FY 2012 budget cycle of the government of Guam.