

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
214-37 (COR)	Roy A. B. Quimata Joe S. San Agustin	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 11115 CHAPTER 11, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO TABULATED AND PUBLISHED WRITE-IN VOTES.	12/15/23 9:55 a.m.	12/18/23	Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriations	Request: 12/18/23 Waiver: 12/27/23	2/9/24 9:00 a.m.	2/16/24 10:21 a.m.	
	SESSION DATE	TITLE	DATE PASSED	TRANSMITTED	DUE DATE	PUBLIC LAW NO.	DATE SIGNED	NOTES	
	3/18/24	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 11115 OF CHAPTER 11, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO TABULATED AND PUBLISHED WRITE-IN VOTES.	3/22/24	3/22/24	4/3/24	37-84	4/3/24	Received: 4/3/24 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 37GL-24-1883	

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April 3, 2024

The Hon. Therese M. Terlaje
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Time: 4:14pm
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Re: Bill No. 214-37 (COR) - AN ACT TO AMEND § 11115 OF CHAPTER 11, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO TABULATED AND PUBLISHED WRITE-IN VOTES

Bill No. 215-37 (COR) - AN ACT TO AMEND § 1903 OF CHAPTER 19, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO AMEND § 30101 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 30, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION AND QUALIFICATION PROCESSES FOR THE OFFICES OF THE PUBLIC AUDITOR AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF GUAM

Bill No. 216-37 (COR) - AN ACT TO AMEND § 9112 OF CHAPTER 9, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF ELECTIONEERING AT POLLING PLACES

Håfa Adai Madam Speaker,

Bill No. 214-37 (COR), Bill No. 215-37 (COR), and Bill No. 216-37 (COR) each aim to improve election procedures in Guam.

Bill No. 214 simplifies reporting requirements for write-in votes by requiring the Guam Election Commission (“GEC”) to publish the names of write-in votes only if such votes could change the election result. This amendment will help streamline the tabulation process.

Bill No. 215 eliminates the Primary Election for the Public Auditor and the Attorney General, which are non-partisan, allowing all certified candidates to proceed to the General Election. The bill also changes the dates candidates for the Attorney General and Public Auditor must file their



To: Therese M. Terlaje, Speaker
Fr: Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam
Date: April 3, 2024
Re: Bill Nos. 214-37 (COR), 215-37 (COR), and 216-37 (COR)

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candidacy with the GEC. Eliminating the requirement of a Primary Election for the non-partisan offices will reduce the cost of election for the GEC and the candidates themselves.

Finally, Bill No. 216 requires the GEC to determine and mark the one hundred (100) feet boundary at each polling place within which electioneering is prohibited. If the GEC requests assistance the Guam Police Department must intervene to enforce the prohibition on electioneering within the designated area. This measure will help to preserve a neutral space for voters to ensure a fair voting environment.

These amendments to our Election Code will help make our elections fairer, safer, and more efficient. For these reasons, I am signing Bill Nos. 214-37 (COR), 215-37 (COR), and 216-37 (COR) into law as **Public Law Nos. 37-84, 37-85, and 37-86**, respectively.

Senseramente,



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

Maga'hågan Guåhan

Governor of Guam

Enclosure(s): Bill No. 214-37 (COR) nka P.L. 37-84
Bill No. 215-37 (COR) nka P.L. 37-85
Bill No. 216-37 (COR) nka P.L. 37-86

cc via email: The *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam
Compiler of Laws

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

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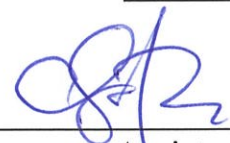
This is to certify that **Bill No. 214-37 (COR)**, "AN ACT TO AMEND § 11115 OF CHAPTER 11, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO TABULATED AND PUBLISHED WRITE-IN VOTES," was on the 22nd day of March 2024, duly and regularly passed.


Therese M. Terlaje
Speaker

Attested:

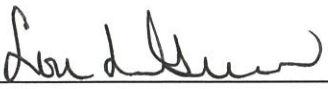

Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 22ND day of MARCH,
2024, at 8:22 o'clock P.M.


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APPROVED:


Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
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Date: 4/3/2024

Public Law No. 37-84

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I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 214-37 (COR)

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 11115 OF CHAPTER 11, TITLE 3,
GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO
TABULATED AND PUBLISHED WRITE-IN VOTES.**

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1.** § 11115 of Chapter 11, Title 3, Guam Code Annotated, is
3 *amended* to read as follows:

4 **“§ 11115. Write-in Votes.**

5 If the write-in voting oval or other defined space is marked, a
6 write-in vote shall be counted for the office under which it is marked,
7 provided a name is written alongside the voting oval or other defined
8 space shown. If the total number of write-in votes counted for an
9 office could change the results as to the person having the largest

1 number of votes for that office, the names appearing next to the
2 marked write-in voting oval or other defined space for that office shall
3 be tabulated and published. Otherwise, only the total number of write-
4 in voting ovals or other defined spaces marked shall be tabulated and
5 published.”

6 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.

7 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
8 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not
9 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
10 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
11 severable.