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BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
216-37 (COR)	Roy A. B. Quimata Joe S. San Agustin	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 9112 OF CHAPTER 9, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE, RELATIVE TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF ELECTIONEERING AT POLLING PLACES.	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 10:51 a.m.	
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	3/18/24	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> § 9112 OF CHAPTER 9, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF ELECTIONEERING AT POLLING PLACES.	3/22/24	3/22/24	4/3/24	37-86	4/3/24	Received: 4/3/24 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 37GL-24-1885	

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Transmitted via email to: speaker@guamlegislature.org

April 3, 2024

The Hon. Therese M. Terlaje
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37th Guam Legislature
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OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
THERESE M. TERLAJE

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Time: 4:14pm
Received: 

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

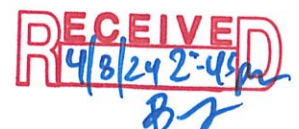
Bill No. 216-37 (COR) - AN ACT TO AMEND § 9112 OF CHAPTER 9, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF ELECTIONEERING AT POLLING PLACES

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

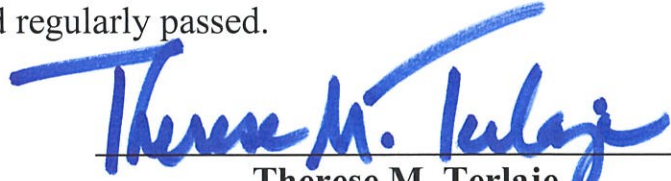
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Bill No. 216-37 (COR) nka P.L. 37-86

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

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

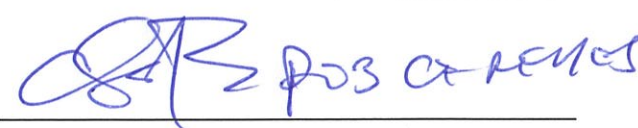
This is to certify that **Bill No. 216-37 (COR)**, “AN ACT TO AMEND § 9112 OF CHAPTER 9, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF ELECTIONEERING AT POLLING PLACES,” was on the 22nd day of March 2024, duly and regularly passed.


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
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 4/3/2024

Public Law No. 37-86

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Date: 3/25/24 Time: 8:29 AM

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

Bill No. 216-37 (COR)

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO AMEND § 9112 OF CHAPTER 9, TITLE 3,
GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE
ENFORCEMENT OF ELECTIONEERING AT POLLING
PLACES.**

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

2 **Section 1.** § 9112 of Chapter 9, Title 3, Guam Code Annotated, is *amended*
3 to read as follows:

4 **“§ 9112. Electioneering at Polling Place Prohibited.**

5 No person shall do any electioneering on election day within one
6 hundred (100) feet of any entrance and/or exit of any polling place. In
7 the case of a school, the entrance is hereby defined as the entrance

1 gate, if the school is fenced. The Commission may, on a case-by-case
2 basis and limited to the election then forthcoming, create an exception
3 to this Section through resolution in order to safely conduct the election.
4 Notices identifying the newly set perimeter also shall be clearly posted
5 at the polling place(s) affected.

6 The Commission shall be responsible for determining and
7 marking the one hundred (100) feet or other boundaries under this
8 Section. Upon request of the Commission or any election official
9 present at the polling place, the Guam Police Department shall
10 promptly assist in the enforcement of this Section.”

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

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