

I Mina'trentai Sietta 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
280-37 (LS) As amended by the Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriations; and further amended in the Committee of the Whole	Joe S. San Agustin Roy A. B. Quinata Tina Rose Muña Barnes Amanda L. Shelton Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas William A. Parkinson Thomas J. Fisher	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FOUR HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$415,000) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 37-42, AS <i>AMENDED</i> , TO THE GUAM ELECTION COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE 2024 GUAM PRIMARY ELECTION.	4/23/24 3:34 p.m.	4/25/24	Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriations	Request: 4/25/24 5/1/24	5/15/24 2:00 p.m.	6/10/24 11:41 a.m. As amended by the Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriations	
	SESSION DATE	TITLE	DATE PASSED	TRANSMITTED	DUE DATE	PUBLIC LAW NO.	DATE SIGNED	NOTES	
6/24/24	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FOUR HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$415,000) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 37-42, AS <i>AMENDED</i> , TO THE GUAM ELECTION COMMISSION FOR THE 2024 GUAM PRIMARY ELECTION.	7/10/24	7/10/24	7/22/24	37-99	7/11/24	Received: 7/11/24 Messages and Communications Doc. No. 37GL-24-2329		

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
GOVERNOR



JOSHUA F. TENORIO
LT. GOVERNOR

UFISINAN I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

Transmitted via Email to: speaker@guamlegislature.org

July 11, 2024

THE HON. THERESE M. TERLAJE, *Speaker*
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37GL-24-2329
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
THERESE M. TERLAJE

JUL 11 2024
Time: 4:52pm
Received: [Signature]

Re: Bill No. 280-37 (LS) AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FOUR HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$415,000) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 37-42, AS AMENDED, TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE 2024 GUAM PRIMARY ELECTION.

Håfa Adai Madam Speaker,

Today, I am signing Bill No. 280-37 (LS) into law, which allocates Four Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$415,000) from the Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund revenues collected in excess of the adopted levels outlined in PL 37-42, as amended, to the Guam Election Commission (GEC) for the 2024 Guam Primary Election. This funding is intended to cover expenses, including precinct official stipends, Election Day ballot security and transportation, equipment rental, and the leasing of the 2024 Early Voting Center.

However, it must be noted that alternative funding could have been available for this purpose, and the Legislature did raise questions about the timing of the funding request. Speaker Terlaje stated, "I'm asking all these questions because it's awkward to me that we are days ahead of the primary, and we are dealing with a bill to fund a primary." I share this same concern, and in the future, the funding for all of Guam's elections can be provided in a more timely fashion.

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7/15/24 3:47pm
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To: The Hon. Therese M. Terlaje, Speaker
Fr: The Hon. Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam
Date: July 11, 2024
Re: Bill No. 280-37 (LS)

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Nonetheless, I will not leave an election unfunded. Therefore, I sign Bill No. 280-37 (LS) into law as Public **Law No. 37-99**.

Senseramente,



LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Governor of Guam

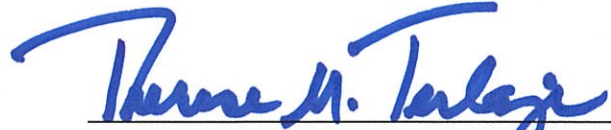
Enclosure(s): Bill No. 280-37 (LS) nka P.L. 37-99.

cc via email: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo 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. 280-37 (LS)**, "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FOUR HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$415,000) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 37-42, AS AMENDED, TO THE GUAM ELECTION COMMISSION FOR THE 2024 GUAM PRIMARY ELECTION," was on the 10th day of July 2024, duly and regularly passed.



Therese M. Terlaje
Speaker

Attested:



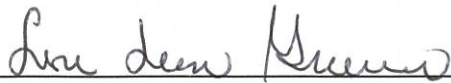
Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 10th day of July, 2024, at 4:22 o'clock p.M.



Evelyn C. Fejeran
Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'håga's Office

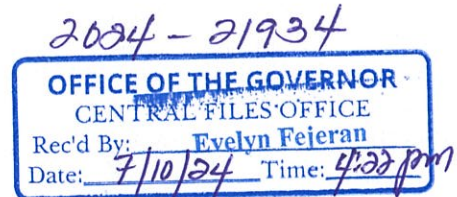
APPROVED:



Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan

Date: 7/10/2024

Public Law No. 37-99



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

Bill No. 280-37 (LS)

As amended by the Committee on General
Government Operations and Appropriations;
and further amended in the Committee of the Whole.

Introduced by:

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AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FOUR HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$415,000) FROM FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 37-42, AS *AMENDED*, TO THE GUAM ELECTION COMMISSION FOR THE 2024 GUAM PRIMARY ELECTION.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that the Bureau of Budget and Management Research (BBMR) sent a letter on April
4 15, 2024 addressed to Director Maria Pangelinan from the Guam Election
5 Commission (GEC) regarding funding for the 2024 Primary Election in Guam. In

1 the letter it noted that although *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* was authorized to provide
2 GEC with Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) for the 2024 Primary
3 Election, there was no specific funding source identified for such authorization.

4 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* also finds that in the letter it stated that Section 4 of
5 Chapter I and Section 22 of Chapter 13, both of Public Law 37-42, prohibit *I*
6 *Maga'hågan Guåhan* from expending the General Fund revenues collected in excess
7 of the adopted revenues without any legislative appropriation.

8 Thus, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to provide GEC with the
9 appropriate funding for the 2024 Primary Election.

10 **Section 2. Appropriation.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
11 sum of Four Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (**\$415,000**) is hereby appropriated
12 from Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund revenues collected in excess of the adopted
13 levels enumerated in Public Law 37-42, as amended, to the Guam Election
14 Commission for the 2024 Primary Election. This appropriation shall be available
15 until fully expended. The funds allocated and authorized in this Section are not
16 subject to *I Maga'hågan Guåhan's* transfer authority.

17 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.