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BE IT ENACTED BY THE YOUTH OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Intent and Purpose. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*

finds that the Guam Youth Congress serves as an essential forum for the expression
of youth perspectives and a vital source of representation for the concerns,
aspirations, and ideas of Guam's young people. Established by law as the official
voice of the island's youth in matters of public interest, the Guam Youth Congress
provides a structured and democratic platform through which youth representatives
may engage in legislative deliberation, articulate community priorities, and
contribute to the development of public policy that reflects the needs and values of
the youth.

The Guam Youth Congress also serves an important educational function by

1 introducing future leaders to the legislative process. Through active participation in
2 drafting resolutions, debating measures, and collaborating with elected officials,
3 members of the body gain first-hand experience in lawmaking and public service.

4 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the current composition of the
5 Guam Youth Congress includes representatives elected from each of Guam’s
6 nineteen (19) municipalities, as well as representatives from each “public and private
7 junior or senior high schools.” *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that
8 the term “*junior/senior high school*” no longer reflects the present structure of
9 Guam’s education system, as the Guam Department of Education (GDOE)
10 transitioned from the junior high school model to the middle school model in the
11 early 1980s. Accordingly, the term “*high school*” more accurately describes the
12 secondary-level institutions that exist today and should replace outdated references
13 to “*junior or senior high schools*” in the enabling statute to reflect current
14 educational designations and ensure consistency with existing GDOE terminology.

15 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that the enabling statute does not
16 presently provide representation for charter schools, which now serve a growing
17 number of Guam’s high school students. Under Chapter 12, Title 17 of the Guam
18 Code Annotated charter schools are recognized as a distinct component of the
19 island’s public education system, differing in governance, management, and
20 operational structure from both the Guam Department of Education and private
21 educational institutions.

22 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to amend the statute
23 governing the membership of the Guam Youth Congress to ensure that its
24 composition accurately reflects the diversity of Guam’s educational systems,
25 ensuring comprehensive representation, while aligning its language with the current
26 school designations recognized by the GDOE.

27 **Section 2.** § 7103 of Chapter 7, Title 2, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby

1 *amended* to read as follows:

2 **“§ 7103. Membership.**

3 The Congress shall be composed of not to exceed fifty-one (51)
4 members, to be known as Representatives, to be elected from the areas
5 listed below:

6 1. Village Representation

- 7 a. One (1) representative from each organized village with a
8 population below 5,000.
9 b. Two (2) representatives from each village with a population
10 between 5,000 and 10,000.
11 c. Three (3) representatives from each village over 10,000
12 population.

13 2. School Representation:

- 14 a. ~~One (1) representative from each private and public junior~~
15 ~~high school.~~
16 a. One (1) representative from each ~~private and public senior~~
17 private, public, or charter high school with a student body
18 below 1,000.
19 b. Two (2) representatives from each ~~private and public senior~~
20 private, public, or charter high school with a student body
21 above 1,000.
22 c. Three (3) representatives from the University of Guam.
23 d. Three (3) post-secondary representatives from the Guam
24 Community College.”

25 **Section 3.** § 7105 of Chapter 7, Title 2, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby
26 *amended* to read as follows:

27 **“§ 7105. Vacancies.**

1 In case of a vacancy occurring one (1) year prior to the next general
2 election because a member can no longer qualify to represent the entity from
3 which the member is elected, the school principal of the ~~public or private~~
4 ~~junior or senior~~ public, private, or charter high schools or the President of the
5 University of Guam at which the student member attends, or the municipal
6 mayor of the municipality in which the member resides, shall call for a special
7 election to be held on the third Monday in October preceding the next general
8 election for Youth Congress.”

9 **Section 4.** § 7107 of Chapter 7, Title 2, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby
10 *amended* to read as follows:

11 **§ 7107. Elections.**

12 “General election to the Youth Congress shall be held on the third
13 Monday in October commencing October, 1994 and every two (2) years
14 thereafter. The election for school representatives will be conducted by the
15 school principal of the ~~public or private junior or senior~~ public, private, or
16 charter high schools and by the President of the University of Guam at the
17 school which the eligible electorate attends, and at which the electorate are
18 officially enrolled, and each voter shall be entitled to vote by private ballot for
19 the number of candidates allotted their school as is provided in § 7103 of this
20 Code. The election for village representatives will be conducted by the village
21 mayor for the eligible electorate residing within the village boundaries, and
22 each voter shall be entitled to vote for the number of candidates allotted to his
23 village as is provided in § 7103 of this Code. The eligible electorate may vote
24 in both the school and village elections.

25 Candidates for election may run as members of a political party or as
26 independents, all such candidates to have received by petition from the
27 eligible youth electorate at least fifty (50) signatures. Names of candidates on

1 ballots shall appear as provided in § 7105 of Title 3, Guam Code Annotated.

2 It shall be the responsibility of the school principal, the President of the
3 University of Guam, or the village Mayor, to provide forms for petitions,
4 ballots and tally sheets, the necessary ballot boxes and personnel to supervise
5 the election, count and tally the ballots.

6 Results of the election will be certified by the Mayor, school principal,
7 or the President of the University of Guam, as appropriate, within three (3)
8 days after the election to the Secretary of the Guam Legislature, who shall
9 verify the election results, and certify election of members to the Youth
10 Congress.”

11 **Section 5. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
12 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not
13 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
14 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
15 severable.

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