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BE IT ENACTED BY THE YOUTH OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Intent and Purpose. It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to promote informed civic engagement and ensure that the people of Guam have a meaningful opportunity to express their views regarding the island's political future. While the question of decolonization and political status has been discussed for decades, many residents remain uncertain about the process, the available status options, and whether a formal political status plebiscite should be held at this time.

The purpose of this Act is to authorize a non-binding, islandwide plebiscite to determine whether the people of Guam support conducting a future political status plebiscite. This Act seeks to measure public interest and readiness, provide policymakers with data that reflects the community's will, and encourage continued education about issues of self-determination. The results of this

1 preliminary plebiscite will help guide future action by the government of Guam
2 and the youth of Guam on matters related to political status, civic participation, and
3 the ongoing process of decolonization.

4 **Section 2. Plebiscite Authorized.** There shall be conducted, in
5 conjunction with the 2028 General Elections, a plebiscite asking the following
6 question:

7 *“Should Guam conduct a plebiscite on its future political status?”*

8 ☐ YES ☐ NO

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10 The result of this plebiscite shall serve as an advisory expression of the will of
11 the people of Guam.

12 **Section 3. Eligibility to Vote.** Any person shall be eligible to register and
13 vote in the plebiscite and are otherwise to vote in Guam elections, pursuant to Title
14 3, Guam Code Annotated.

15 **Section 4. Administration of the Plebiscite.** The Guam Election
16 Commission (“GEC”) shall administer the plebiscite, in accordance with this Act
17 and existing election laws, except where inconsistent herewith. The GEC shall
18 certify and transmit the results to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and to *I*
19 *Maga’hågan Guåhan* within thirty (30) days after the election.

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

25 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.