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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that
Guam's public education system must prioritize equity and excellence to prepare all
students for future success. As the governing body for the Guam Department of
Education, the Guam Education Board holds critical responsibility for policy-setting
and oversight.

To promote greater stability, continuity, and community engagement, *I*
Liheslaturan Guåhan intends to reform the Board's composition and terms by
extending appointed and elected member terms to four (4) years and establishing
staggered elections. These measures aim to reduce frequent turnover, foster

1 institutional knowledge, and ensure consistent leadership focused on strategic
2 planning and student achievement.

3 By implementing these reforms, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* reaffirms its
4 commitment to a transparent, accountable, and effective education board that aligns
5 with the needs and values of Guam's community, ultimately benefiting the island's
6 children and future generations.

7 **Section 2.** §3102.3(b) to Article 1, Chapter 3, Title 17, Guam Code
8 Annotated is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

9 **§ 3102.3. Composition and Terms of Office for Board Members.**

10 The Board shall be composed and serve terms as follows:

11 (a) Three (3) Appointed Voting Members. *I Maga'håga/Maga'låhi*
12 shall appoint, subject to the advice and consent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*,
13 one (1) voting member from among each of the following to serve for a term
14 of ~~three (3)~~ four (4) years:

15 (1) one (1) member who is employed in an upper level
16 managerial position in a private business;

17 (2) one (1) member who is a parent of a student enrolled within
18 the Guam Department of Education; and

19 (3) one (1) member who is a retired teacher or administrator of
20 the Guam Department of Education.

21 Terms of the appointed members shall be staggered such that one (1)
22 term expires each year. Appointments made to fill a vacancy shall be for the
23 remainder of the unexpired term only.

24 (b) Six (6) Elected Voting Members. Six (6) voting members shall be
25 elected at-large at each General Election. Each elected voting member shall

1 serve for a term of ~~two (2)~~ four (4) years, commencing at 12:00 noon on the
2 first Monday in January following their election. A candidate for the Board
3 must be at least twenty-five (25) years old, and a resident of Guam for at least
4 five (5) years immediately ~~proceeding~~ preceding the date on which the
5 member takes office and continuing throughout the term.

6 (1) Nomination of candidates for election to the Board shall be
7 made by petition on forms prescribed by the Guam Election
8 Commission (Commission) and initiated by the candidate. In order for
9 a candidate's name to be placed on the ballot for election to the Board,
10 such petition must be signed by not less than one hundred fifty (150)
11 persons registered to vote in Guam and must be filed with the
12 Commission no later than the first Monday after a Primary Election,
13 unless such date is a holiday, in which it shall be filed the day
14 following the holiday, or sixty (60) days prior to a Special Election. No
15 defect in any nominating petition presented to the Commission shall
16 prevent the filing of another petition which is presented within the
17 allowed filing period.

18 (2) The election provided for within this Subsection (b) shall be
19 non-partisan, and no political party shall directly or indirectly sponsor,
20 nominate or endorse any of the candidates for such office.

21 (3) Staggered Terms for Elected Members: To ensure continuity,
22 the terms of office for members elected under this Section shall be
23 staggered as follows:

24 (A) At the first General Election following the enactment
25 of this Section, the three (3) candidates receiving the highest

1 number of votes shall serve terms of four (4) years, and the three
2 (3) candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall
3 serve terms of two (2) years.

4 (B) Thereafter, at each biennial General Election, three (3)
5 members shall be elected to serve four-year terms.

6 (c) Non-Voting Members. The Board shall have the following non-
7 voting members serving a term of one (1) year:

8 (1) one (1) student member of the Board shall be elected by an
9 Island-wide School Board of Governing Students. The student member
10 shall be a junior or a senior at a public high school and maintain a grade
11 point average of 2.5 or above; and the student member shall receive
12 service- learning credits for the service hours on the Board; and

13 (2) one (1) member appointed by the exclusive bargaining unit
14 which represents teachers and other employees within the Department.

15 (d) Non-Voting Member of the Mayors' Council of Guam. One (1)
16 member appointed by the Mayors' Council of Guam who shall serve for a
17 term of two (2) years, or for the remaining term of the appointed Mayor,
18 whichever is longer.

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

24 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall become effective upon enactment.