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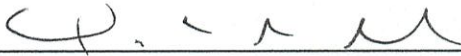
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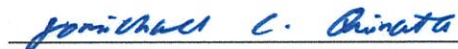
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Attested:



V. Anthony Ada
Acting Legislative Secretary

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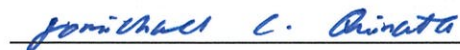
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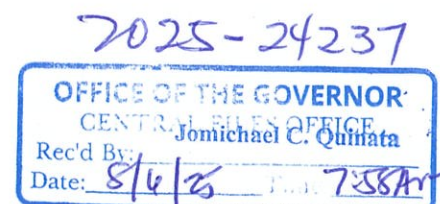
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As amended by the Committee on Economic Investment,
Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology,
Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement;
and further amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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CHAPTER 14, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,
RELATIVE TO UPDATING GUAM'S ELECTION LAWS
AND IMPROVING VOTER REGISTRATION,
ELECTION PROCEDURES, AND BALLOT HANDLING.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
that the Guam Election Commission plays a vital role in upholding the principles of
democracy by safeguarding the integrity, transparency, and fairness of the electoral

1 process. By doing so, the Commission is encouraged to seek ways to enhance the
2 clarity, consistency, and efficiency of Guam's Election Code.

3 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that it is crucial for the Guam Election
4 Commission to update and streamline their procedures to effectively address
5 emerging challenges and adopt best practices to ensure that elections remain a
6 cornerstone of representative governance.

7 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that establishing clarity and consistency
8 with the election code by defining terms, detailing requirements, and structuring
9 timelines will enhance the accuracy and uniformity for all voter registrations.

10 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to strengthen public
11 confidence in Guam's electoral system by supporting the Guam Election
12 Commission in updating Guam's election laws to modernize and streamline election
13 procedures, improve voter access, and enhance the accuracy and consistency of voter
14 registration and ballot processing.

15 **Section 2.** § 1117 of Chapter 1, Title 3, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby
16 *amended* to read:

17 **“§ 1117. Same: District.**

18 Each district of Guam, as defined in Title 1 GCA § 403, shall constitute
19 a voting district.”

20 **Section 3.** A new § 1124 is hereby *added* to Chapter 1, Title 3, Guam Code
21 Annotated, to read:

22 **“§1124. Name.**

23 In the case of a candidate or a nominee, the word ‘name’ shall mean the
24 name that appears on his/her United States Birth Certificate, United States
25 Passport, Certificate of Naturalization, Court Ordered Name Change,
26 Certificate of Marriage, or any identification meeting the REAL ID Act

1 requirements issued by a state. Anywhere in this Title the word 'name'
2 appears, this definition shall apply.”

3 **Section 4.** § 3105 of Chapter 3, Title 3, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby
4 *amended* to read:

5 **“§ 3105. Place of Registration.**

6 The registration of electors shall be in progress at all times at the main
7 office of the commission during such hours as the office is open for business
8 until the closing of the registration rolls. Electors may also be registered at
9 such times and places within Guam as the Commission shall deem advisable
10 and convenient from the time registration is open until fifteen (15) days prior
11 to an election.”

12 **Section 5.** § 3110 of Chapter 3, Title 3, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby
13 *amended* to read:

14 **“§ 3110. Qualifications of Registration Clerks; Term of**
15 **Appointment.**

16 (b) Any elector appointed as a registration clerk shall serve a limited
17 term, which shall begin from the date of appointment until midnight on the
18 day that is forty-five (45) days before the next scheduled general election. The
19 Commission shall promulgate policies and procedures to carry out the intent
20 of this Section. The Commission may also establish other terms of
21 appointment, consistent with the intent of this Section, for special elections,
22 plebiscites, initiatives and any other non-general elections as they deem
23 necessary to allow for voter registration to be conducted by duly appointed
24 registration clerks.”

25 **Section 6.** § 14105 of Chapter 14, Title 3, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby
26 *amended* to read:

27 **“§ 14105. Disposition.**

1 (a) Counting Provisional Ballots. Within-fifteen (15) calendar
2 days after any election, the Commission shall count the provisional
3 voter's choices for every race for which the voter was eligible to vote.
4 When a provisional voter casts a provisional ballot in the incorrect
5 precinct, election officials shall count the votes on that ballot in every
6 race for which the voter would be entitled to vote if he or she had been
7 in the correct precinct.

8 (b) Opportunity to Remedy Incomplete Provisional Ballots.
9 Provisional voters who lacked required information, such as proof of
10 identity or failure to sign, shall be notified and shall be granted a seven
11 (7)-day period to comply or supply missing information. Failure to
12 abide shall constitute a spoiled provisional ballot.

13 (c) Provisional Ballots as a Remedy for Incomplete or
14 Deficient Registration Applications. Provisional ballots shall serve to
15 remedy incomplete or otherwise deficient voter registration
16 applications. In the event that a voter is denied the right to vote a regular
17 ballot because of an incomplete or otherwise deficient voter registration
18 application, the provisional ballot shall be used to complete said voter's
19 application, provided that the provisions of §§ 3102 and 14104 (j) of
20 this Title have been met. The provisional voter shall be deemed
21 registered as of the date of the original application. Within fifteen (15)
22 days after an election, when the voter's application shall have been
23 satisfactorily completed and deemed valid, the provisional ballot shall
24 be counted.

25 (d) Registration of Unregistered Provisional Voters. Election
26 officials shall register provisional voters, if they are not already
27 registered or who are eligible to be registered, based on the information

1 provided on the provisional ballot envelope and provided that the
2 provisions of §§ 3102 and 14104 (j) of the Title have been met.

3 **Section 7. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
4 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not
5 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
6 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
7 severable.

8 **Section 8. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.