

I Mina'trentai Ocho 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
153-38 (COR) As amended on the Floor.	Telo T. Taitague	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> §§ 4102 AND 4104 OF CHAPTER 4, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO MODERNIZING PRECINCT REALIGNMENT AND THE COMPOSITION OF PRECINCT BOARDS.	6/17/25 3:43 p.m.	6/24/25	Committee on Economic Investment, Military Buildup, Regional Relations, Technology, Regulatory Affairs, Justice, Elections, and Retirement.	Request: 6/24/25 6/27/25	7/9/25 9:00 a.m.	7/15/25	
	SESSION DATE	TITLE	DATE PASSED	TRANSMITTED	DUE DATE	PUBLIC LAW NO.	DATE SIGNED	NOTES	
	7/28/25	AN ACT TO <i>AMEND</i> §§ 4102 AND 4104 OF CHAPTER 4, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO MODERNIZING PRECINCT REALIGNMENT AND THE COMPOSITION OF PRECINCT BOARDS.	7/31/25	8/6/25	8/18/25	38-57	8/18/25	Received: 8/18/25 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 38GL-25-1068	



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

38GL-25-1068
OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER
FRANK F. BLAS JR.

Transmitted via email to speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov

August 18, 2025

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Time: 4:30 pm
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HONORABLE FRANK F. BLAS JR., Speaker
I Mina'trentai Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan
38th Guam Legislature
Guam Congress Building
163 Chalan Santo Papa
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Re: Bill No. 153-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 4102 AND 4104 OF CHAPTER 4, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO MODERNIZING PRECINCT REALIGNMENT AND THE COMPOSITION OF PRECINCT BOARDS."

Bill No. 154-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND § 3102(a) AND ADD A NEW § 3102.1(h) TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 3, AND AMEND § 3103.3(c)(1) OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REQUIRING DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP TO ALIGN GUAM VOTER REGISTRATION PRACTICES WITH FEDERAL ELECTION INTEGRITY STANDARDS."

Håfa Adai Mister Speaker,

Last month, the Guam Legislature passed two pieces of legislation aimed at addressing local election practices. Bill No. 153-38 amends the voter threshold per precinct from "substantially over 800" to 1,200. The outlined benefits of reducing overhead costs and accommodating current voter behavior help GEC prepare for the upcoming election cycle.

Bill No. 154-38 reinstates the requirement for documentary proof of U.S. citizenship as part of the voter registration process. GEC provided testimony that it has already begun verifying citizenship documentation since March 2025, contrary to the current local law and a federal preliminary injunction. However, this step anticipates aligning Guam's laws with potential changes to election requirements by the federal government.

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To: The Hon. Frank Blas, Jr., *Speaker*
Fr: The Hon. Joshua F. Tenorio, *Acting Governor of Guam*
Date: August 18, 2025
Re: Bill No. 153-38 (COR) and 154-38 (COR)

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For these reasons, I sign Bill No. 153-38 and Bill No. 154-38 into law as ***Public Law 38-57*** and ***Public Law 38-58***, respectively.

Senseramente,



JOSHUA F. TENORIO

I Åkto Maga'låhen Guåhan

Acting Governor of Guam

Enclosure: Bill No. 153-38 (COR), nka P.L. 38-57
Bill No. 154-38 (COR), nka P.L. 38-58
cc via email: *Honorable* Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *Maga'hågan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam
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2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

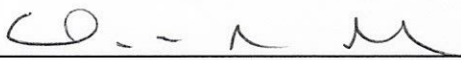
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN*

This is to certify that **Bill No. 153-38 (COR), "AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 4102 AND 4104 OF CHAPTER 4, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO MODERNIZING PRECINCT REALIGNMENT AND THE COMPOSITION OF PRECINCT BOARDS,"** was on the 31st day of July 2025, duly and regularly passed.



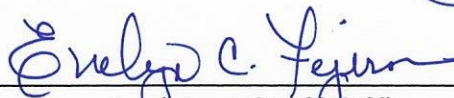
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Speaker

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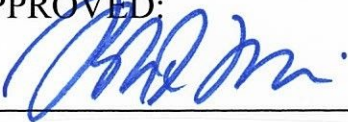
V. Anthony Ada
Acting Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 6th day of August, 2025, at 7:58 o'clock A.M.



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Maga'håga's Office

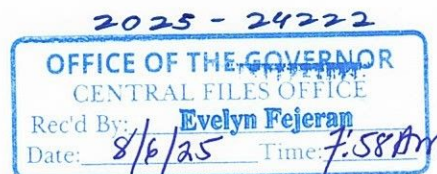
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JOSHUA F. TENORIO
ACTING GOVERNOR OF GUAM

Date: August 18, 2025

Public Law No. 38.57



I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 153-38 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

Telo T. Taitague
V. Anthony Ada
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Frank F. Blas, Jr.
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**AN ACT TO *AMEND* §§ 4102 AND 4104 OF CHAPTER 4,
TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO
MODERNIZING PRECINCT REALIGNMENT AND THE
COMPOSITION OF PRECINCT BOARDS.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that as voter registration grows and population shifts occur across Guam's villages, the Guam Election Commission (GEC) must be equipped with the flexibility and authority to modernize and streamline precinct operations to better reflect changes in population distribution, improve voter access, and enhance the efficiency of election administration.

1 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that increasing the threshold of voters per
2 polling place from eight hundred (800) to one thousand two hundred (1,200) may
3 reduce administrative overhead and allow for a more efficient allocation of resources
4 and personnel, without sacrificing voter convenience or electoral integrity.

5 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that by clarifying the maximum number
6 of board members, their compensation, and minimum staffing thresholds, the
7 Commission will be better positioned to adapt to varying electoral demands while
8 maintaining manageable voter volumes and ensuring a smooth and timely voting
9 process for the people of Guam.

10 Therefore, it the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to provide the Guam Election
11 Commission with the flexibility to make data-informed, needs-base decisions to
12 determine the appropriate number of voters per present and precinct board members
13 based on the size, complexity, and logistical needs of each election.

14 **Section 2.** § 4102 of Chapter 4, Title 3, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby
15 *amended* to read as follows:

16 “§ 4102. **Number of Voters Per Polling Place.**

17 The Commission may fix and designate precincts within each polling
18 place in such a manner that the total number of voters estimated at each
19 precinct will not substantially exceed one thousand two hundred (1200).”

20 **Section 3.** § 4104 of Chapter 4, Title 3, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby
21 *amended* to read as follows;

22 “§ 4104. **Members and Compensation of Precinct Boards.**

23 To every precinct designated for any election, the Commission shall
24 determine the amount of board members not to exceed seven (7) members,
25 consisting of one (1) precinct leader and up to six (6) precinct clerks. The
26 concurrence of majority of the members shall be necessary for any ruling of
27 the precinct board. Each member of a precinct board may be paid Three

1 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) for services rendered for each election. For
2 pay purposes, a runoff election is a separate election from the election that
3 precipitates the runoff. Notwithstanding the maximum number of members
4 permitted under this Section, for any election, the GEC may conduct an
5 election utilizing only one (1) precinct leader and two (2) precinct clerks,
6 should the Commission determine that it is necessary or appropriate.”

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

12 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.