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AN ACT TO ADD NEW SUBSECTION § 3101.3 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ENABLING REGISTRATION OF VOTERS INCIDENT TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. A *new* subsection § 3101.3 is hereby *added* to Chapter 3, Title 16, Guam
3 Code Annotated, to read as follows:

4 “§ 3101.3. Voter Registration Incident to Applications for Driver’s Licenses and
5 Identification Cards and Renewals of Same.

6 (a) Every person applying at the Department of Revenue and Taxation for a Guam
7 driver’s license or a renewal of said license, or a Guam Identification Card or a renewal of said
8 identification card, and who meets all eligibility requirements to register to vote pursuant to
9 Chapter 3, Title 3, Guam Code Annotated, shall be afforded the opportunity to register to vote, or
10 if previously registered, to change their address for voting purposes.

11 (b) The application to register to vote must be offered simultaneously with the application
12 for the driver’s license, the Guam identification card, or renewal of either or both. Department
13 of Revenue and Taxation employees must provide to applicants for driver’s licenses or Guam
14 identification cards, or renewals of either or both, the same level of assistance and instruction
15 with respect to the application to register to vote as is provided with respect to applications for
16 driver’s licenses, Guam identification cards, or renewals of either or both; provided, that separate
17 signatures shall be required on the application for a driver’s license or Guam identification card

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1 (or renewal of either or both), and the application to register to vote. The applicant may decline
2 to register to vote by failing to sign the voter registration form. In order to protect the privacy of
3 those who do not wish to register to vote for any reason, the failure of an applicant for a driver's
4 license or a Guam identification card, or the renewal of either or both, to sign the voter
5 registration form may not be used for any purpose other than to determine the person's voter
6 registration status.

7 (c) (1) The voter registration application shall contain the applicant's name, residence
8 address, mailing address if different from residence address, date of birth, and applicant's
9 signature and date of affixation of signature, and may include any other information,
10 certifications, and declarations, including those made under the penalty of perjury, that may be
11 required by the Guam Election Commission in order to administer a single and unified system of
12 voter registration in accordance with applicable local and federal laws which shall enable duly
13 registered voters to vote in all elections in their respective municipality, division or districts
14 including, elections for federal officers. The voter registration application must also include the
15 statement that unlawful voter registration is a crime and any person who willfully causes,
16 procures or allows himself or herself or any person to be registered as a voter, knowing himself
17 or herself or other person not to be entitled to registration, is guilty of a felony of the third
18 degree.

19 (2) It shall be the responsibility of the Department of Revenue and Taxation to
20 print and to have available at all times a sufficient number of voter registration forms in
21 order to carry out the provisions of this Section.

22 (d) The completed voter registration application shall be transmitted by the Department
23 of Revenue and Taxation to the Guam Election Commission not later than five (5) business days

1 after the date of acceptance by the Department of Revenue and Taxation. Transmission may be
2 made by electronic means as prescribed by Guam Election Commission, and in an electronic
3 form compatible with the voter registration system maintained by the Guam Election
4 Commission. For each registration electronically transmitted, a hard copy will be provided to the
5 Guam Election Commission.

6 (e) Any person who has fully and correctly completed an application to register to vote at
7 the Department of Revenue and Taxation is presumed to be registered as of the date of the
8 acceptance of the registration by Department of Revenue and Taxation, subject to verification of
9 the registration by the Executive Director of the Guam Election Commission as provided in §
10 3102 of Chapter 3, Title 3, Guam Code Annotated.

11 (f) Refusal by an applicant to register to vote shall not be a basis for denial of a driver's
12 license or a Guam identification card or renewal thereof.

13 (g) The Guam Election Commission shall have the authority to adopt regulations to
14 implement and administer the provisions of this section, including all registrations taken at the
15 Department of Revenue and Taxation.”

16 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Act shall become immediately effective upon
17 enactment.