MINA' TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2015 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 206-33 (cop)

Introduced by:

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PROVIDE **FOR** BINDING AN ACT TO A DURING THE 2016 **GENERAL** REFERENDUM **DETERMINE ELECTION** TO WHETHER TO TITLE 2. **GUAM** AMENDMENTS ANNOTATED, TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (d) TO **§ 1106 OF CHAPTER 1. RELATIVE TO EMPLOYING** SENATORS OF THE GUAM LEGISLATURE ON A PART-TIME BASIS, SHALL BE APPROVED; TO BE THE "CITIZEN **LEGISLATURE** KNOWN AS REFORM ACT."

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- 2 Section 1. The Guam Election Commission, subject to the provisions
- 3 hereinafter set forth, *shall* put to the voters the question described in Section 3 of this
- 4 Act. The question *shall* be submitted during the 2016 General Election.
- 5 Section 2. The question *shall* determine whether or not amendments to Title
- 6 2, Guam Code Annotated, to add a new subsection (d) to § 1106 of Chapter 1,
- 7 relative to employing senators of the Guam Legislature on a part-time basis, to be
- 8 known as the "Citizen Legislature Reform Act," as outlined in Exhibit "A" attached,
- 9 shall be approved via a referendum certified by the Guam Election Commission as
- 10 eligible for a binding referendum vote.
- 11 **Section 3.** The question put to voters *shall* be:

1 "Shall the 'Citizen Legislature Reform Act' that employs senators of 2 the Guam Legislature on a part-time basis be approved? 3 () Yes 4 () No Vote for only 'Yes' or 'No.'" 5 Section 4. Pursuant to Paragraph (a) of Title 3 GCA, § 16509, the Guam 6 7 Election Commission shall be required to include in its ballot pamphlet for the voters a complete copy of the measure. The Commission shall keep at least twelve (12) 8 9 copies of the ballot pamphlet at its offices for voters to review at their request. The Commission shall also distribute six (6) copies of the ballot pamphlet to each branch 10 11 of the Guam Public Library, the Robert F. Kennedy Library at the University of 12 Guam, and the Guam Territorial Law Library, and two (2) copies of the ballot 13 pamphlet to the offices of the Public Auditor, the Attorney General, and each Mayor 14 and Senator. The ballot pamphlet shall be posted online on the Guam Election

Section 5. If the referendum is approved, the Act shall take effect January 11, 2016 and after its approval has been certified by the Guam Election Commission. The Commission shall transmit the results of the referendum to I Maga'låhan Guåhan, the Speaker of I Liheslaturan Guåhan, and the Compiler of Laws. If the referendum is approved, I Maga'låhen Guåhan shall assign a public law number to it after its receipt by him.

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EXHIBIT "A"

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (d) TO § 1106 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 2, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EMPLOYING SENATORS OF THE GUAM LEGISLATURE ON A PART-TIME BASIS, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "CITIZEN LEGISLATURE REFORM ACT."

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- 2 Section 1. Short Title. This Act may be cited as the "Citizen Legislature
- 3 Reform Act."
- 4 Section 2. A new subsection (d) is added to § 1106 of Chapter 1, Title 2 of
- 5 the Guam Code Annotated to read:
- 6 "(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule, regulation, policy, or
- 7 procedure, each member of I Liheslaturan Guåhan [the Guam Legislature] shall be
- 8 compensated for no more than sixty (60) hours per pay period at the rate per annum of
- 9 Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) and shall be paid in twenty-six (26) equal
- 10 installments. Such compensation shall be paid out of funds to be appropriated to I
- 11 Liheslaturan Guåhan [the Guam Legislature]."

- Section 3. Effective Date. This Act shall be effective immediately upon enactment.
- Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Law or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Law which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Law are severable.