### MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2006 (SECOND) Regular Session

# Bill No. <u>290</u> (EC) (ES)

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AN ACT TO REPEAL AND RENENACT 2 GCA §1118(a); TO AMEND 2 GCA §1120; TO AMEND 2 GCA §1121.1;TO AMEND 1 GCA §419(a); TO REPEAL 19 GCA §3204(e); TO AMEND 4 GCA §1103 (c);TO AMEND 16 GCA §7122; TO REPEAL 5 GCA §7115; TO AMEND 5 GCA §23104; TO AMEND 2 GCA §1106; TO AMEND 4 GCA §4102(a); TO AMEND 4 GCA §4102(b); TO AMEND 5 GCA §6105(b); TO AMEND 22 GCA §9103(p); TO AMEND 2GCA §1120(b); TO ADD 2 GCA §1118.1; TO ADD A NEW 2 GCA §1118.2; TO AMEND 17 GCA CHAPTER 20; TO AMEND 2 GCA §1119; TO AMEND 2 GCA § 1120; TO AMEND 4 GCA §4102(a) 11; TO AMEND 4 GCA §4105; TO ADD NEW ITEM (17) TO 4 GCA §4106; TO AMEND 4 GCA §5101(a); TO ADD NEW ITEM (p) TO 4 GCA §8104; TO AMEND 4 GCA §8121(a); TO AMEND 4 GCA §6102; TO AMEND 4 GCA §6103; TO AMEND 4 GCA §6303; TO AMEND 4 GCA §6304; AND TO ENACT THE PEOPLE'S LEGISLATIVE REFORM ACT OF 2006.

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11	Act of 2006.
12	Section 2. Statement of Legislative Findings.
13	I Liheslaturan Guahan finds:
14	1. Legislation, appropriation and confirmation of executive appointments are the
15	only essential functions of I Liheslaturan Guahan.
16	2. The position of senator ought to be a public office not public employment with
17	abundant perquisites of employment.
18	3. The people are best served by a legislature the members of which come from
19	all walks of life where every man or woman may easily aspire to service in their
20	legislature.
21	4. Legislative service is more easily attainable by a broad spectrum of the
22	community when the legislature meets in two regularly scheduled thirty day sessions per
23	year rather than pursuant to a calendar which allows for unlimited sessions on a random
24	basis.
25	5. Scheduled sessions with senators paid on a per diem basis would result in a
26	popularly representative, economical legislative branch.
27	6. The Organic Act requires, "The legislature shall establish a merit system and,
28	as far as practicable, appointments and promotions shall be made in accordance with such
29	merit system." 48 USC §1422c (See Haeuser v. Dep of Law, 97 F.3d 1152, 9th Cir. 1996).
30	7. While it is practicable for most employees of the legislative branch to be
31	appointed pursuant to the merit system, it is impracticable to appoint, pursuant to the
32	merit system, persons who must have a political relationship with a senator.
33	8. A legislative civil service would allow for broader representation, bring the
34	legislature into compliance with the Organic Act and allow for the development of

continuity and expertise that is difficult to obtain when wholesale staff changes can occur
 as often as every other year.

- 9. The laws dealing with the office of Suruhanu and the Legislative Agencies
  Fund have fallen into desuetude and should be removed from the books.
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#### Part I. Sessions of *I Liheslaturan Guahan*: Part-time Legislature

Section 3. Start Date of Regular Sessions. 2 GCA §1118 (a) is repealed and
 reenacted to read:

- "§1118(a) Sessions of I Liheslaturan Guahan.
- 9 Annual regular sessions of the *I Liheslaturan Guahan* shall be held as follows:

(1) Convening upon the first Monday in January of each year, the Legislature
 shall remain in session thirty (30) consecutive calendar days, and at the conclusion
 thereof adjourn to the second Monday in June.

(2) Reconvening on the second Monday of June, the Legislature shall thereupon
remain in session thirty (30) consecutive calendar days."

- 15 Part II. Legislative Fiscal and Budget
- 16Section 4. Legislative Budgetary Ceiling. 2 GCA §1121.1 is amended to17read:

18 "§1121.1. Budgetary Ceiling – *I Liheslaturan Guahan*. The total budget of the *I* 19 *Liheslaturan Guahan* shall at no time exceed two one percent (21%) of the Government 20 of Guam revenue projections set for the same fiscal year, as enacted into law in the 21 Government of Guam Budget Act for that fiscal year. The legislature must set a revenue 22 projection for the Government of Guam in the Annual Government of Guam Budget 23 Act."

24 Part III. Senatorial Reform

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### Section 5. Eliminates State Funerals. 1 GCA §419(a) is amended to read as:

- 26 "§ 419 State Funerals
- (a) The Legislature, on behalf of the people of Guam, shall honor with a State
  Funeral any person who at the time of his death or before served as a Senator,
  Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Judge, or Non-Voting Delegate to
  Washington. or any citizen who, in the opinion of the Committee on Rules of

1	the Legislature, has displayed exemplary service for the island and the people
2	of Guam, if the family of the deceased so agrees."
3	Section 6. Eliminates Marriage Ceremonial Duties of the Speaker. 19 GCA
4	§3204(e) is repealed.
5	Section 7. Eliminates Government Vehicle Privileges of the Speaker. 4 GCA
6	§ 1103(c) is amended to read:
7	"(c) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any vehicle assigned for the
8	use of I Maga'lahen Guahan, I Segundu na Maga'lahen Guahan [the Lt. Governor], the
9	Speaker of I Liheslaturan Guahan [the Legislature], the Presiding Judge of the Superior
10	Court of Guam, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam."
11	Section 8. Eliminates Special License Plates for Senators. 16 GCA §7122 is
12	amended to read:
13	"§7122. License Plates, Government Officials. In carrying out the issuance of
14	license plates pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter, the Director of Revenue and
15	Taxation shall issue special licenses bearing the following numbers to the following
16	officials of the government of Guam for use on their privately-owned vehicles:
17	OFFICE PLATE NUMBER
18	Governor 1
19	Lieutenant Governor 1-A
20	Speaker 2
21	Vice-Speaker 2-A
22	Legislative Secretary 2-B
23	Senators 2-C through 2-Z
24	District Court Judge 3
25	Superior Court Judges 3-A through 3-Z
26	Commissioners 4-A through 4-Z
27	Assistant Commissioners 5-A through 5-Z
28	The foregoing licenses shall be issued to those entitled thereto upon their
29	assumption of the office in question, and where there is more than one person holding
30	any of the foregoing offices, licenses shall be issued in sequence based upon their last
31	names in alphabetical order, except in the case of Superior Court Judges who shall be

1 issued licenses in sequence based upon their seniority. Such licenses shall be surrendered 2 to the Department upon their removal from said office for any cause. Nothing herein 3 contained shall be construed as authorizing the waiver of the local registration and 4 licensing requirements for such vehicles and their respective owners nor of preventing the 5 issuance of special government of Guam plates to the official government-owned 6 vehicles assigned to any public officer."

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Section 9. Eliminates Legislative Counsel representing Senators and Legislature as Plaintiffs. 5 GCA §7115 is repealed.

9 Section 10. Amends Travel allowances. 5 GCA § 23104 subsection (1) of 10 subsection (a) is amended to read:

- 11 "(1) If the employee is the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, a member of the 12 legislature or a judge, the rates are One Hundred Thirty Percent (130%) of the basic per 13 diem rates."
- 14 Part IV. Senatorial Compensation and Classification
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Section 11. Compensation for Senators. 2 GCA §1106 is amended to read:

"2 GCA §1106. Legislative Compensation for Senators and Allowances. 16

17 Compensation of each senator is fifty dollars (\$50) for each day of attendance at a 18 session of the legislature as shown in the journal of the legislature member of the Guam 19 Legislature shall be paid in twenty-six (26) equal installments at the rate per annum of 20 fifty percent (50%) of the annual salary of a judge of the Superior Court; the 21 compensation of the Speaker of the Guam Legislature is sixty dollars (\$60) for each day 22 of attendance. shall be paid in twenty-six (26) equal installments at the rate per annum of 23 fifty percent (50%) of the annual salary of the presiding judge of the Superior Court. 24 Such compensation shall be paid out of funds to be appropriated by the Guam 25 Legislature. Any statute, rule or regulation which is inconsistent with this section is 26 repealed to the extent of such inconsistency."

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Section 12. Elimination of Unclassified Employee Status for Senators. 4 28 GCA §4102(a) (1) is amended to read:

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"1. (1) elective officials except senators;"

# Section 13. Elimination of Classified Status for Senators. 4 GCA §4102(b) is amended to read:

3 "(b) The classified service shall include all other positions in the government of
4 Guam <u>except senators</u>."

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Section 14. Claims Act Protection for Senators. 5 GCA §6105(b) is amended to read:

6 "(b) for claims in tort, arising from the negligent acts of its employees acting for 6 and at the direction of the government of Guam, even though occurring in an activity to 7 which private persons do not engage. For the purposes of this chapter, any officer or 7 enlisted person of the Guam National Guard on territorial duty or any nursing student 7 acting for and at the direction of the University of Guam, or of the Guam Community 7 College or a senator performing an official duty shall be deemed an employee of the 7 government."

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# Section 15. Definition of Public Employment for Workers Compensation. 22 GCA §9103 (p) is amended to read:

16 "(p) Public Employment. The term "public employment" means employment by 17 the government of Guam Executive, Judicial or Legislative departments, agencies, 18 instrumentalities, inclusive of semi-autonomous and autonomous agencies, and any other 19 government of Guam entities and public corporations. It shall include all elected officials 20 <u>except for senators, provided, however that senators shall be deemed to be employees for</u> 21 the purposes of this chapter only."

22 Section 16. Eliminates Exception to Reemployment and Retirement Rule 23 for Senators. 2GCA §1120 (b) is amended to read:

24 "(b) Elected officials, except senators, who have retired from the government of 25 Guam and who are receiving retirement benefits from the Government or elected 26 officials who are eligible to receive retirement benefits from the Government shall 27 not relinquish, forfeit, or have such benefits suspended during the periods such 28 elected officials are holding their respective offices; provided, however, that such 29 elected officials shall not be deemed active members of the retirement fund for 30 purposes of such elected office service, and no deductions shall be made nor

1	government contributions made on account of any salary they receive as such
2	elected officials."
3	Part V. Safeguarding Employment
4	Section 17. Safeguarding Employment. A new 2 GCA § 1118.1 is added to
5	read:
6	"§1118.1 Leave of Absence from Employment for Legislative Sessions.
7	Every senator shall, on the days of every session of the legislature at which he or
8	she is in attendance, be entitled to absent himself from any employment in which he or
9	she is then engaged. The senator shall not, because of so absenting himself, be liable to
10	loss of employment, demotion or loss of seniority on account of such absence."
11	Section 18. Safeguarding Employment. A new 2 GCA §1118.2 is added to
12	read:
13	"§1118.2 Safeguarding employment.
14	(a) An employer shall not deprive an employee of his employment, or threaten or
15	otherwise coerce him with respect thereto, because the employee is a senator or candidate
16	for senator.
17	(b) Any employer who violates Subsection (a) is guilty of a petty misdemeanor.
18	(c) If an employer discharges an employee in violation of subsection (a) the
19	employee within ninety days from the date of discharge may bring a civil action for
20	recovery of wages lost as a result of the violation and for an order requiring the
21	reinstatement of the employee. Damages recoverable shall not exceed lost wages for six
22	weeks. If he prevails, the employee shall be allowed a reasonable attorney's fee fixed by
23	the court."
24	Part VI. Legislative Research and Service Bureau
25	Section 19. Legislative Research and Service Bureau. 17 GCA Ch 20 is
26	amended to read:
27 28	" <del>17</del> 2 GCA Ch 20 - Legislative Research <u>and Service</u> Bureau CHAPTER 20
29	Legislative Research and Service Bureau
30	§20101. Creation of the Legislative Research and Service Bureau.

There is within the University of Guam a Legislative Research and Service Bureau for
 the use of the Legislature under such regulations as the <u>Executive</u> Director of the
 <u>Legislature</u> Bureau, with the approval of the Committee on Rules (or its functional
 <u>equivalent</u>) of the Legislature, may from time to time provide.

5 §20102. Purposes of Bureau. The purpose of the Legislative Research Bureau
6 shall be:

7 (a) To assist the senators of the Legislature in the proper performance of their
8 duties by providing them with impartial and accurate information and reports concerning
9 legislative problems that come or may come before them;

10 (b) To provide a comprehensive research and reference service on legislative11 problems;

(c) To secure and compile reports of the various offices, departments and agencies
of the government of Guam; and, as far as may be practical and useful, of the Federal
Government, of states and other territorial governments, and such other material,
periodicals or books as will furnish the fullest information practicable upon all matters
pertaining to current or proposed legislation and to legislative problems;

(d) To secure information for the senators by cooperating with the legislative
references services of the various states, and territories and with the legislative service
conference maintained by the Council of State Governments <u>and the National Council of</u>
<u>State Legislatures;</u>

(e) To furnish, upon their written <u>or electronic</u> request to any senator, a digest of
 information and material pertaining to legislative problems;

(f) To draft or aid in drafting bills and resolutions, and amendments thereto, and
to render legal services in connection therewith, for any senator upon request;

(g) To make available for use by the various departments and agencies of the
 government of Guam, and by the residents of Guam, the reference material and facilities
 maintained by it;

(h) To provide fiscal analysis and assist in the preparation of the annual budgets
 of the government;

30 (i) To provide continuity during inter session recesses;

31 (j) To provide operations and accounting support."

#### Part VII. Legislature Merit System

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# Section 20. Legislature Staff: Employment and Conditions Thereof. 2 GCA §1119 is amended to read:

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"§1119. Legislature Staff: Employment and Conditions Thereof.

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5 (a) The Legislature, in addition to the attaches referred to in §1112 of this 6 Chapter, may employ such other <u>classified</u> employees <u>in accordance with</u> as it may from 7 time to time require. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Personnel Law and the 8 Compensation Law. The methods of appointment and promotion and the compensation, 9 tenure, leave and other conditions of employment of <u>such unclassified</u> employees and 10 attaches shall be such as the Legislature may from time to time fix by its Standing Rules 11 or by resolution.

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13 14 (b) It is impracticable to appoint legislative attaches, the executive director and staff of an individual senator, or standing committee of the legislature in accordance with the merit system;

15 (**bc**) The Committee on Rules (or its functional equivalent) shall certify the 16 amount of compensation due such employees and attaches in accordance with the said 17 Standing Rules or resolution of the Legislature and the disbursing officer of the 18 Legislature shall thereupon pay the same in accordance with said certification.

19 (ed) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, and to provide for an 20 orderly transition from one Legislature to another, it shall be the duty and obligation of 21 all attaches and employees of the Legislature, to remain at their posts and perform their 22 duties until otherwise relieved or until their services are terminated by an incoming 23 Legislature.

The Chairman of the Rules Committee of an outgoing Legislature, within ten (10) days following the declaration of results and issuance of certificates of election under the Election Law, shall account for and effect the orderly turn over of legislative keys and other property, records and files to the Legislature designated for the purpose by the majority of the incoming Legislators."

Section 21. Legislature Classified Employees Retirement Benefits. 2 GCA
 §1120 is amended to read:

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"§1120. Classified Legislature Employees Retirement Benefits.

- 1 (a) The Classified employees and attaches of the Legislative Branch are entitled to 2 the same retirement benefits, subject to the same contributions and conditions, as 3 employees of the Executive Branch of the government of Guam as provided by 4 GCA 4 Chapter 8."
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- Section 22. Unclassified Employees of the Legislature. 4 GCA §4102(a) 11. 6 is amended to read:
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## "(11). all legislative employees Legislative attaches, the Executive Director and staff of an individual Senator, or Standing Committee of the Legislature;"

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#### Section 23. Amends Departmental Rules. 4 GCA §4105 is amended to read:

10 "§4105. Branch and Departmental Rules. Rules subject to criteria established 11 by this Chapter governing the selection, promotion, performance, evaluation, demotion, 12 suspension and other disciplinary action of classified employees shall be adopted by the 13 Legislature by resolution, Board of Directors of the Antonio B. Won Pat Guam 14 International Airport Authority; the Board of Directors for the Guam Economic 15 Development Authority, the Board of Directors of the Guam Housing Corporation; the 16 Board of Commissioners for the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority; the Guam 17 Judicial Council; the Board of Directors of the Guam Telephone Authority; the Board of 18 Directors of the Port Authority of Guam; the Board of Directors of the Guam Power 19 Authority; the Board of Education; the Board of Regents of the University of Guam; the 20 Guam Community College Board of Trustees; the Board of Trustees of the Guam 21 Memorial Hospital Authority; the Board of Directors of the Guam Visitors Bureau; and 22 by the Board of Directors of the Guam Waterworks Authority with respect to personnel 23 matters within their respective Branches, agencies or departments, and by the Director of 24 the Department of Administration as to all other Executive Branch employment.

25 Such rules shall, to the extent practicable, provide standard conditions for entry into and the other matters concerning the government service. The personnel rules 26 27 adopted for the Guam Economic Development Authority, the Guam Housing Corporation, the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority, the University of Guam, 28 29 the Guam Community College, the Antonio B. Won Pat Guam International Airport 30 Authority, the Guam Telephone Authority, the Port Authority of Guam, the Department of Education, the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority, the Director of the Department of 31

1 Administration and by the Guam Waterworks Authority shall require that all their 2 classified employee appeals, except academic personnel of the Guam Community 3 College and the University of Guam in conformance with 4 GCA 4403(h), be heard by 4 the Civil Service Commission ('Commission'). The personnel rules adopted for the 5 Judiciary Branch by the Judicial Council shall require that the Council hear all classified 6 employee appeals. The personnel rules adopted for the legislative branch by I 7 Liheslaturan Guahan shall require that a committee appointed by the Speaker shall hear 8 all classified employee appeals. Personnel rules governing any other Executive Branch 9 entities shall require that their classified employee appeals be heard by the Commission. 10 Rules concerning the Executive Branch shall take effect upon their approval by the 11 Commission, by Executive Order of I Maga'lahen Guåhan and filing with the Legislative 12 Secretary. Rules concerning I Liheslaturan Guahan and the Judicial Council shall take 13 effect upon adoption by the Judicial Council of Guam and filing with the Legislative 14 Secretary.

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Such rules shall include the following provisions:

16 (a) that the minimum rate of each pay range shall be the normal rate for initial employment in the positions and classes assigned thereto; provided, however, that the 17 18 directors or other department heads may, with the approval of the Commission, authorize 19 initial employment in a position at a higher step in the position's pay range if such action 20 is warranted by recruitment difficulties or by the new employee's special or unusual 21 qualifications, including experience;

22 (b) that no spouse of any director, chief administrator or department head within 23 the government of Guam may be employed within the department, agency or 24 instrumentality so headed by such director, chief administrator, department head or other 25 officer;

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(c) that overtime for those employees entitled hereto shall be calculated at one and 27 one-half  $(1 \frac{1}{2})$  times their regular wage;

28 (d) that employees may work at outside employment not in conflict with their government service, nor such as would bring the government of Guam or its employees 29 30 into disrepute, but that any employee may undertake such employment only if such is not in conflict with that person's duly scheduled hours and only with the consent of that 31

1 person's department or agency head, which consent may not be unreasonably withheld; 2 and

3 (e) that no person shall be required to work overtime, unless the employee has 4 received certification by the Director that funds for overtime pay as provided in 5 Subsection (c), above, are available.

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# Adoptions of such rules are subject to the Administrative Adjudication Law."

Section 24. Employment of Session Employees. A new item (17) is added 8 to 4GCA § 4106 to read:

9 "(17) Employment of session employees of the legislature who may be called to 10 duty only during sessions of the legislature and up to five days before and after regular sessions." 11

12 Section 25. Amendments to law dealing with political activity. 4 GCA § 13 5101(a) is amended to read:

14 "(a) Employee means a person employed in the Executive Branch of the 15 government of Guam, including autonomous and semi-autonomous agencies thereof, or 16 in the Judicial Branch, with the following exceptions:

17 (1) A person holding elective office;

18 (2) A special or Staff Assistant to the Governor or senator;

19 (3) A person appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Legislature;

20 (4) A person retained from time to time to perform professional or special 21 services for a specific fee; and

22 (5) A person working on a casual basis on the days he performs no services.

23 Employees includes a person on administrative annual, or sick-leave unless such 24 person has resigned and has received a lump-sum payment for such leave. Subject to (5) above, it includes persons not providing professional services for a specific fee who are 25 hired on a temporary, part-time, emergency or casual basis;" 26

27 Section 26. Definition of Session Employees. A new item (p) is added to 4 28 GCA § 8104 to read:

"(p) Session employees shall mean classified employees, e.g. pages, of the 29 legislature who may be called to duty only during sessions of the legislature and up to 30 31 five days before and after regular sessions."

#### Section 27. Suspension of Annuity Payments. 4 GCA §8121(a) is amended to

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#### "§ 8121. Same. Suspension of Annuity Payment.

4 (a) A retired member who subsequently becomes an employee eligible for 5 membership under § 8106 of this Title prior to January 1, 1999 shall, upon becoming so 6 employed, have that member's right to receive payment of that member's annuity 7 suspended for the duration of that member's employment, but all other rights pertaining 8 to that member's annuity provided by this Article, including automatic increases therein, 9 shall be retained by that member. The provisions of this Section shall not be applicable to 10 any retired Judge or Justice designated and assigned by the Chief Justice to perform 11 judicial duties in the Courts of Guam as provided for in §6115 of 7 GCA, or any person 12 employed by the Guam Public School System in Guam schools, such as a substitute 13 teacher; classroom teacher; guidance counselor; health counselor; or certified, registered 14 and/or licensed health professional, including, but not limited to, physical therapists, 15 occupational therapists, speech therapists, audiologists, speech pathologists, speech 16 clinicians, physicians, physician assistants, nurses or psychologists; when such critical 17 need arises; provided, that such person(s) occupies a position for which no other 18 qualified/certified applicant was available, and that such employment shall be on a 19 school-year basis, subject to the provisions of Items (d) and (e) of this Section and to 20 session employees of I Liheslaturan Guahan.

21 The provisions of this Section shall not be applicable to any certified, registered 22 or licensed health care professional, or ancillary service personnel employed by the 23 Guam Memorial Hospital Authority, the Department of Mental Health and Substance 24 Abuse and the Department of Public Health and Social Services; provided, that such 25 person occupies a position for which no other qualified applicants were available, and 26 provided that such employment is procured on an annual basis, subject to the provisions of Item (d) of this Section." 27

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## Section 28. Amends Uniform and Unified System of Position Classification and Compensation. 4 GCA §6102 is amended to read:

"§6102. Purpose. The purpose of this Chapter is to provide a uniform and unified 30 31 system of position classification and compensation for the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches of the Government of Guam. The only exceptions are senators and is for academic personnel of the Guam Community College and the University of Guam which as institutions of higher education, must adhere to accreditation standards established by the appropriate accrediting bodies. The term *academic personnel* refers to the definitions provided in 17 GCA §31106 and §16112, governing academic personnel of Guam Community College and the University of Guam."

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Section 29. Amends Uniform and Unified System of Position Classification and Compensation. 4 GCA §6103 is amended to read:

9 "§6103. Scope. Unless otherwise specified, this Chapter shall apply to all 10 positions, officers, and employees, classified and unclassified, as the case may be, 11 inclusive of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches, autonomous and semi-12 autonomous agencies, public corporations, and other public instrumentalities of the 13 government of Guam. The provisions of this Chapter do not apply to senators and to 14 academic personnel of the Guam Community College and the University of Guam. The 15 employment and terms and conditions of employment of academic personnel shall be 16 exclusively governed by provisions of the enabling laws of Guam Community College and" 17

# 18 Section 30. Amends Uniform and Unified System of Position Classification 19 and Compensation. 4 GCA §6302 is amended to read:

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#### "§6302. Administration.

(a) The Commission Department of Administration shall adopt and apply the
unified pay schedule and the Hay methodology of positions classification and salary
administration to the extent and manner it deems appropriate. The Hay methodology and
unified pay schedule shall be administered by the Judicial Council for the Judicial Branch
with assistance from the Personnel Office of the Superior Court of Guam and the Rules
Committee (or its functional equivalent) for the legislature.

(b) The Commission Department of Administration, the Legislature by resolution,
and the Judicial Council may reassign Pay Grades as they deem necessary. Reassignment
shall be based upon the calculation of the Hay points performed by the technical staff
trained in the Hay evaluation system. The Department of Administration Commission, *I Liheslaturan Guahan*, and the Judicial Council are strongly encouraged to work closely

in the administration of the Hay System for the sake of consistency and uniformity of 1 2 results. The technical staffs of the Commission Department of Administration and the 3 Judicial Council (Personnel Office) shall coordinate their efforts in implementing the Hay 4 methodology.

5 (c) The Commission Department of Administration, I Liheslaturan Guahan, and 6 the Judicial Council shall establish appropriate policies and procedures for implementing 7 the provisions under this Article for their respective jurisdictions."

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#### Section 31. Creation of Positions. 4 GCA §6303 is amended to read:

"§6303. Creation of positions.

10 (a) New positions may be created by I Maga'lahen Guahan, the Speaker of the 11 Legislature, the Chief Justice of the Guam Supreme Court, or the Presiding Judge of the 12 Superior Court of Guam for the Judicial Branch, when necessary for the efficient 13 performance of the duties and functions of the government. I Maga'lahen Guahan shall 14 submit to the Department of Administration Civil Service Commission, and the Presiding 15 Judge to the Judicial Council, the position descriptions for the positions within thirty (30) 16 calendar days after creation. The positions shall be terminated unless approved by the 17 Department of Administration Commission, the Legislature by resolution, or the Judicial 18 Council, as the case may be, within ninety (90) days after submission. No newly created 19 position shall be filled in the absence of appropriations to pay the salary of the proposed 20 position.

21 (b) This Section shall not apply to positions required by law to be filled by 22 persons confirmed by I Liheslaturan Guahan."

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#### Section 32. Differential Pay. 4 GCA §6304 is amended to read:

24 "§6304. Differential Pay. The Department of Administration Commission, the 25 Legislature by resolution, and the Judicial Council shall establish and implement uniform 26 differential pay policies. All statutes, rules, regulations, and policies which are not covered by or inconsistent with the policies set forth herein, are hereby repealed upon 27 28 establishment of uniform pay policies."

29 Part VIII. Transition

#### Section 33. Legislative Standing Rules.

- 2 The Standing Rules of the 28th *I Liheslaturan Guahan* shall govern Legislative
  3 Branch classified employees until October 1, 2007.
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#### Section 34. Classified Position.

5 Any employee occupying an unclassified position which becomes a classified 6 position by virtue of the provisions of this Act, shall:

(a) remain in his position if he meets the qualification requirements of the
established position classification standards and shall retain his salary if it is higher
than the appropriate salary set for the position until he vacates the position or until
October 1, 2007, whichever first occurs; or

(b) resign or be removed from his position no later than October 1, 2007 if he
does not meet the qualification requirements of the established position classification
standards. A removal under this Subsection shall be deemed an adverse action entitling
the employee to an appeal under the provisions of this Act.

#### 15 Part IX. Effective Dates and Implementation

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#### Section 35. Repeals and Renumbering of Chapters.

- 2 GCA Chapters 5 and 10 are repealed and the remaining chapters of 2 GCA are
   renumbered consistently with the provisions of this act.
- 19 Section 36. Effective Dates.

Effective Dates
Except as provided in tabular form below, this act shall become effective
immediately:
Section 19 shall become effective October 1, 2006
Section 18 shall become effective July 7, 2006.
Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24,
25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35 shall become effective
January 1, 2007.

- 20 Section 37. Implementation. The Executive Director of the Civil Service 21 Commission, the Director of Labor and the Director of Administration shall provide
- 22 technical assistance to *I Liheslaturan Guahan* to facilitate the implementation of this act.