

MINA BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCREASING DIRECT INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM IN SERVICE TO THE ISLAND COMMUNITY AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM EDUCATION POLICY BOARD THROUGH ENHANCING FINANCIAL COMPENSATORY INCENTIVES, AND FURTHER REQUIRING A MINIMUM CERTIFICATION THRESHHOLD FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES; THROUGH THE REENACTMENT OF §3120 AND THE ADDITION OF §3114.1, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 1, TITLE 17, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.

3 The Liheslaturan Guahan finds that the purpose of the initial
4 establishment of an elected Guam Education Policy Board was to increase
5 the involvement of residents in the various communities to actively
6 participate in the establishment of education policies that would further
7 enhance the quality of education being provided by Guam's public schools.
8 The most recent election for members to the Guam Education Policy Board
9 revealed that an insufficient number of individuals expressed interest
10 through the initial nomination process, and it was through the write-in

1 process that many Board members were selected. Thus it is essential that
2 the system be enhanced to allow for a greater number of people to
3 participate in the process. This may be accomplished through establishing
4 additional financial incentives that would encourage greater participation
5 for membership to the Guam Education Policy Board.

6 The Liheslaturan Guahan further finds that the election of members
7 to the Consolidated Commission on Utilities has an existing stipend policy
8 in which Commission members are compensated at least One Thousand
9 Dollars (\$1,000.00) for their monthly public service on the Commission. It
10 is believed that this financial compensatory policy has encouraged many
11 people to seek public service in this capacity. It is further believed that
12 similarly applying such a compensatory package for individuals who serve
13 on the Guam Education Policy Board would serve as an additional
14 incentive for many of Guam's people to serve in this capacity and to give
15 back to our island community through contributing to Guam's public
16 education system.

17 Furthermore, it is critical that any individual elected to the Guam
18 Education Policy Board through the write-in process should be required to
19 obtain at least a minimum threshold of votes equivalent to the number of
20 signatures required to initially be placed on the election ballot, this number
21 being One Hundred Fifty (150).

22 Therefore it is the intent of I Liheslaturan Guahan to further promote
23 the involvement of people in the community to participate in the Guam

1 Education Policy Board. This provision would establish increased financial
2 incentives for individuals who serve on the Guam Education Policy Board,
3 and it would also insure that a minimum threshold be established for the
4 certification of any write-in candidates.

5 **Section 2. Guam Education Policy Board Stipend.**

6 §3120 of Chapter 3, Guam Public School System, Article 1, Title 17,
7 Guam Code Annotated, is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as
8 follows:

9 **“§3120. Same: Compensation.**

10 Members of the Board shall be compensated at a rate of One
11 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) per month for their services. Board members
12 shall not be eligible for government of Guam retirement or insurance
13 benefits, or other benefits associated with government of Guam
14 employment. Board members who are government of Guam retirees may
15 serve on the Board without giving up their retirement benefits.”

16 **Section 3. Write-In Candidates Minimum Voter Threshold**
17 **Requirements.**

18 A new §3114.1 relative to write-in candidates, is hereby added to
19 Chapter 3, Article 1, Guam Public School System, Title 17, Guam Code
20 Annotated, to read as follows:

21 **“§3114.1. Write-In Candidates Minimum Voter Threshold**
22 **Requirements.**

1 Write-In candidates for a position as a member of the Guam
2 Education Policy Board shall acquire no less than One Hundred Fifty (150)
3 votes within their respective districts in any election as a minimum voter
4 threshold requirement for certification as a member of the Board.”

5 **Section 4. Severability Clause.**

6 If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or
7 circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other
8 provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the
9 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act
10 are severable.