

**MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**TWENTY-NINTH GUAM LEGISLATURE**  
**2007 (FIRST) Regular Session**

Bill No. 55(cc)  
Introduced by:

A. B. PALACIOS, SR. 

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO REQUIRING THAT MAYORS AND VICE-MAYORS OF EACH APPLICABLE VILLAGE BE ELECTED JOINTLY BY THE QUALIFIED RESIDENTS OF THEIR DISTRICT; THROUGH AMENDING SUBSECTION §40103, CHAPTER 40, DIVISION 4, OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED.**

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

**Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.**

*I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that there exist seven (7) villages throughout the island that are required to elect both a Mayor and Vice-Mayor for their district leadership. In the existing selection process, the election of Mayors and Vice-Mayors in the relevant villages is chosen separately. *I Liheslaturan Guahan* further finds that people have questioned the rationale for these two key leadership positions within the villages to be elected separately, as these individuals are both seeking office to simultaneously serve the same community with the same resources. It has been strongly suggested that individuals seeking the offices of Mayor and Vice-Mayor be required to run jointly as a team. By having both the Mayor and Vice-Mayor run jointly on a single ticket, it may be in the best interest of their constituents and the residents within their respective villages. It would promote unity and

1 teamwork between the two individuals, and would further encourage that  
2 they work closely together for the benefit of the residents within their  
3 communities. The concept of a joint ticket has been a practice now for many  
4 years by the people of Guam in the election of their Governor and Lt.  
5 Governor; and similarly, the President and Vice-President of the United States  
6 has been elected jointly for more than two hundred years. In these situations,  
7 it has proven that the focus of the leadership team has consistently been on  
8 addressing the issues affecting their constituencies and their communities.  
9 Therefore, this proposed legislative measure would change this existing  
10 process and allow for residents, in the villages in which a Mayor and Vice-  
11 Mayor position exists, to elect their leaders jointly.

12 **Section 2. Election of Mayors and Vice-Mayors on a Single Ticket,**  
13 **Jointly.**

14 Subsection §40103, of Chapter 40, Division 4, of Title 5, Guam Code  
15 Annotated, is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 **“§40103. Election.**

17 Mayors and Vice-Mayors as indicated in §40101, shall be elected by  
18 popular vote of the area which such Mayors are to represent. In districts  
19 where there are Vice-Mayors, the Mayors and Vice-Mayors shall be chosen  
20 separately jointly, by the casting by each voter of a single vote applicable to  
21 both offices.

22 The selection of the Mayors and Vice-Mayors jointly in the applicable  
23 village district, as provided for in the aforementioned paragraph, shall

- 1 commence no later than the regularly scheduled Primary and General
- 2 Elections to be conducted in calendar year 2008.