

I MINA 'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2011 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 252-31 (COR)

Introduced by:

D. G. Rodriguez, Jr. 

AN ACT TO ADD A NEW PROVISION TO  
REFERENDUM TITLES BY AMENDING §17106  
OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 17, TITLE 3, GUAM  
CODE ANNOTATED.

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

2 **Section 1. Legislative findings and intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
3 that the people of Guam have the right to exercise the power of initiatives and  
4 referendums dealing with legislative matters.

5 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* also finds that the referendum and initiative process  
6 is complex and that each initiative and referendum is given a general title based on  
7 the order they were proposed. These titles become heavily advertised and used in  
8 the campaign process to become easily recognizable.

9 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that these titles become recycled in  
10 following elections. Being that these titles are reused, the association between the  
11 title of a new referendum or initiative can be confused with the subject of an old  
12 referendum or initiative proposed on a previous ballot.

13 It is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to allow voters to make informed  
14 decisions in the democratic process by providing concise and distinguished titles of  
15 referendums and initiatives that will only be associated with the subject for which  
16 is was named.

1           **Section 2.** Section 17106 of Article 1, Chapter 17, Title 3, Guam Code  
2 Annotated, hereby *amended* to read:

3           “**§17106. Designation of Measures by Title.** Each measure shall be  
4 designated on the ballot by the ballot title prepared by the Election Commission.  
5 The ballot title given shall begin with the last two digits of the election year  
6 followed by the alphabet letter corresponding to the order in which it was  
7 submitted to the Election Commission.”

8           **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to  
9 any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such  
10 invalidity shall *not* affect other provisions or applications of this Law which can be  
11 given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the  
12 provisions of this Law are severable.

13           **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall become immediately effective  
14 upon enactment.