


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

Resolution No. 2-33(LSJ)

Introduced by:

M.F.Q. San Nicolas 

**RELATIVE TO RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING
CONGRESSWOMAN MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO TO
INTRODUCE LEGISLATION REQUIRING THAT A
GENERAL ELECTION INTERVENE BETWEEN
ENACTMENT OF A LAW TO VARY THE COMPENSATION
OF THE GOVERNOR, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, AND
SENATORS IN THE GUAM LEGISLATURE, AND ITS
IMPLEMENTATION, CONSISTENT WITH THE TWENTY-
SEVENTH (27TH) AMENDMENT TO THE U.S.
CONSTITUTION.**

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, the twenty-seventh (27th) amendment to the U.S. Constitution,
4 which reads, “No law, varying the compensation for the services of the Senators and
5 Representatives, shall take effect, until an election of representatives shall have
6 intervened,” was introduced in Congress by James Madison in 1789; and

7 **WHEREAS**, on November 4, 2014, the people of Guam voted in a General
8 Election which determined the election of Governor and Lieutenant Governor and
9 Senators in the Guam Legislature, among other offices; and

10 **WHEREAS**, on November 21, 2014, acting Governor Ray Tenorio introduced
11 Bill No. 1 (8-S), which proposed raising salaries of cabinet members and elected
12 officials, including the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Senators in the Guam
13 Legislature, and the Attorney General; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on November 21, 2014, acting Governor Ray Tenorio called the
2 Guam Legislature into a Special Session on Bill No. 1 (8-S) before any public hearing
3 could be held on the measure; and

4 **WHEREAS**, during the Special Session called by acting Governor Ray Tenorio
5 on November 21, 2014, the Guam Legislature, without having held a public hearing
6 on the bill, passed Bill 1 (8-S) with ten (10) senators voting yes and only one (1)
7 voting no; and

8 **WHEREAS**, on November 21, 2014, acting Governor Ray Tenorio signed Bill
9 1 (8-S) into law, as Public Law 32-208; and

10 **WHEREAS**, an organization, Guamanians for a Fair Government, has been
11 formed to oppose the pay increase authorized by Public Law 32-208; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the model established by the twenty-seventh (27th) amendment to
13 the U.S. Constitution is a fair compromise between the need to maintain competitive
14 compensation for public officials while also recognizing that democracy derives its
15 strength from the people; now, therefore, be it

16 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of
17 the people of Guam, respectfully requests that Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo
18 introduce legislation to add a new section to the Organic Act of Guam, to read:

19 “No law varying the compensation for the services of the Governor of
20 Guam, the Lieutenant Governor of Guam, and/or Senators in the Guam
21 Legislature *shall* take effect, until a General Election for the Guam Legislature
22 *shall* have intervened.”

23 and be it further

24 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
25 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
26 the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam

- 1 Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the Honorable Eddie B. Calvo, *I*
- 2 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan.*

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2015.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary