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HUMAN & NATURAL RESOURCES, ELECTION REFORM, AND CAPITOL DISTRICT



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THIRTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE

MAR 30 2016

The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker
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RE: Committee Report on Bill No. 279-33(COR) As Substituted by the Committee

Hafa Adai Speaker Won Pat:

The Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesia Affairs, Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform and Capitol District hereby reports out its findings and recommendations on **Bill No. 279-33 (COR) As Substituted by the Committee** - "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (b) TO §3102 AND A NEW SUBSECTION (1) TO §3102 (c); AND TO AMEND §3108 OF CHAPTER 3; AND TO AMEND §9126 OF CHAPTER 9; AND TO AMEND §15402 OF CHAPTER 15; AND TO AMEND §2103 (c) OF CHAPTER 2; AND TO ADD NEW §1122 AND §1123 TO CHAPTER 1; AND TO AMEND §3110 (b); AND TO AMEND §3121 (f); AND TO AMEND §3123; AND TO AMEND §3124; AND TO AMEND §3126 AND §3127 ALL OF CHAPTER 3; AND TO AMEND §4102 OF CHAPTER 4; AND TO AMEND §7116 (a) OF CHAPTER 7, ALL OF TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CLARIFYING THE GUAM ELECTION CODE," by Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D.

Committee votes are as follows:

- 6 TO PASS
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Very Truly Yours,

Rory J. Respicio

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ON
BILL NO. 279-33 (COR)
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Sponsored by
Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D.

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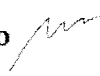


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MAR 30 2016

MEMORANDUM

To: All Members
*Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs, Human and Natural Resources
Election Reform and Capitol District*

From: Senator Rory J. Respicio 

Subject: Committee Report on Bill No. 279-33 (COR) As Substituted by the Committee

Transmitted herewith for your review and consideration is the **Bill No. 279-33 (COR) As Substituted by the Committee - "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (b) TO §3102 AND A NEW SUBSECTION (1) TO §3102 (c); AND TO AMEND §3108 OF CHAPTER 3; AND TO AMEND §9126 OF CHAPTER 9; AND TO AMEND §15402 OF CHAPTER 15; AND TO AMEND §2103 (c) OF CHAPTER 2; AND TO ADD NEW §1122 AND §1123 TO CHAPTER 1; AND TO AMEND §3110 (b); AND TO AMEND §3121 (f); AND TO AMEND §3123; AND TO AMEND §3124; AND TO AMEND §3126 AND §3127 ALL OF CHAPTER 3; AND TO AMEND §4102 OF CHAPTER 4; AND TO AMEND §7116 (a) OF CHAPTER 7, ALL OF TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CLARIFYING THE GUAM ELECTION CODE,"** by Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D.

This report includes the following supporting documents:

- Committee Vote Sheet
- Committee Report Digest
- Copy of Bill No. 279-33 (COR) As Substituted by the Committee
- Copy of Bill No. 279-33 (COR) As Introduced
- Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- Copies of Submitted Testimony & Supporting Documents
- Fiscal Note Requirement for Bill No. 279-33 (COR)
- Referral of Bill No. 279-33 (COR)
- Public Hearing Notices
- Public Hearing Agenda

Please take the appropriate action on the attached voting sheet. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

Bill No. 279-33 (COR) As Substituted by the Committee - "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (b) TO §3102 AND A NEW SUBSECTION (1) TO §3102 (c); AND TO AMEND §3108 OF CHAPTER 3; AND TO AMEND §9126 OF CHAPTER 9; AND TO AMEND §15402 OF CHAPTER 15; AND TO AMEND §2103 (c) OF CHAPTER 2; AND TO ADD NEW §1122 AND §1123 TO CHAPTER 1; AND TO AMEND §3110 (b); AND TO AMEND §3121 (f); AND TO AMEND §3123; AND TO AMEND §3124; AND TO AMEND §3126 AND §3127 ALL OF CHAPTER 3; AND TO AMEND §4102 OF CHAPTER 4; AND TO AMEND §7116 (a) OF CHAPTER 7, ALL OF TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CLARIFYING THE GUAM ELECTION CODE," by Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D.

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COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesian Affairs; Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform, and Capitol District convened a public hearing on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 9:00 A.M. in the Public Hearing Room of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*. Among the items on the agenda was the consideration of **Bill No. 279-33 (COR)**- "AN AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (1) TO §3102(b) OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CLARIFYING ELIGIBLE AGE FOR VOTING DURING THE PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION," by **Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D.**

- Introduced on March 15, 2016;
- Referral forwarded to this committee for public consideration on March 15, 2016.

Public Notice Requirements

Notices were disseminated via e-mail and facsimile to all senators and all main media broadcasting outlets on March 15, 2016 (5-Day Notice), and again on March 18, 2016 (48-Hour Notice), thereby meeting the noticing requirements of the Open Government Law. Notices were also transmitted to various stakeholders.

Senators Present

Senator Rory J. Respicio, *Chairperson*
Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, *Member*
Senator V. Anthony Ada, *Member*
Senator Mary C. Torres, *Member*

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY & DISCUSSION

1. **Mr. Leonardo Orsini**, Guam Youth Congress, provided oral and written testimony in support of the bill. *(Please see attached for written testimony.)*
2. **Ms. Maria I.D. Pangelinan**, Executive Director, Guam Election Commission, provided oral and written testimony in support of the bill. *(Please see attached for written testimony.)*
3. **Dr. Ron McNinch**, provided oral testimony on the bill.
4. **Mr. Joe Sanchez**, Deputy Superintendent, Guam Department of Education, provided oral and written testimony in support of the bill. *(Please see attached for written testimony.)*
5. **Mr. Phil Protasio**, provided written testimony in opposition of the bill. *(Please see attached for written testimony.)*

Chairman Rory J. Respicio called the public hearing on Bill No. 279-33 (COR) to order at 9:00 A.M. and allowed the main sponsor of the bill, Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D. to provided remarks. *(Please see attached for Sponsor Statement.)*

Mr. Leonardo Orsini

Please see attached for written testimony.

Ms. Maria I.D. Pangelinan

Please see attached for written testimony.

Dr. Ron McNinch

I work at the University of Guam and I teach Public Administration which related to this topic. I support this bill. It will have a number of positive purposes. Primary elections are elections which are used when narrowing down a slate for a party. Typically, primaries are the domain but on Guam, we pay for these primaries with out spare dollars. If we want to adjust and change the view a bit on allowing young people to vote, it should be allowed because we are paying for it and if parties don't like it, let them do their own election. That's the kind of edge I feel if the parties are objecting to this. I don't the parties on Guam will object to it. In the US mainland they have this issue of having to the point where they turn 18. The primary is very important and this is why: it allows a particular amount of people who are 17 turning 18 to show others they can vote and when young and that creates that kind of atmosphere where others want to vote. There are very famous person, Thorstein Veblen who said that we do stuff constantly comparing ourselves to other people we want to be just like them.

Senator Nerissa B. Underwood

Thank you to the individuals who testified. The bill was just introduced late last week and I would like to thank the Chairman for hearing the bill right away. Ms. Pangelinan, what is the number of registrants who are 16 years old?

Ms. Pangelinan

We don't have anyone under 18 in their voter registry yet.

Senator Underwood

There are efforts.

Ms. Pangelinan

I am proud to announce the GDOE is now compliant. Two weeks ago, we trained at least two employees of every high school. Last week on Wednesday and Thursday, the GEC spent two days at Simon Sanchez High School who initiated a service learning project whose goal is to register 500 voters by mid-May. The GEC has over 140 volunteer registrars out there. Last night in the meeting, we discussed making an effort to start benchmark, keeping data on the 18-24 year olds. One of the commissioners asked if they can keep track of how many people are registered at the schools. We are going to start looking at that for the Primary Election.

Senator Underwood

We start at SSHA but there is a plan to expand to the other high schools.

Ms. Pangelinan

The invitation came directly from SSHA. One student at Tiyan High School is a deputized registrar. As soon as the students come in, we do what we can to immediately accommodate them. On March 31st at 11am, SSHA is having a voter registrar drive and their goal is to register 100 voters.

Senator Underwood

I just can't imagine the other high schools not wanting to take advantage of this. If we have the voter registration and this bill passes into law, it would be an additional incentive for us to encourage those who are 17 years old. I thank you so much for your work.

Chairman Respicio recognized that the Chairman of the Democratic Party of Guam Mr. Joaquin Perez was present at the hearing as an observer.

Senator Mary C. Torres

Thank you for being here. Maria, I had a follow-up question when you talked about the Commission being in support of this and logistically what occurs now. Can you explain to me, right now when we register to vote, under current statute and you turn 18 years old at the General Election, you will be eligible to vote you will be added to the voter rolls, correct?

Ms. Pangelinan

Yes, ma'am.

Senator Torres

So what triggers the date to determine when you are 18 years old? The date of the primary or general election? How do you determine who you put on the voter rolls say this one coming up.

Ms. Pangelinan

Anyone that is going to be 18 in the next election, the Primary.

Senator Torres

That's the one thing that makes clarification or actually it's a change to the law that would allow a small window. I wasn't sure how it was practiced presently. What would cause you to need added resources to ascertain who is in that small window?

Ms. Pangelinan

Besides this and the pre-registration at 18, we have to set up the data base that we will weed out those that will not be 18 by the General Election. The new codes must be put in. As you may know, we are currently upgrading our voter registry system. That will work into all the new changes we will make with the new laws.

Senator Torres

There is more than enough time as you are registering now for the upcoming election?

Ms. Pangelinan

Yes, we are updating our registration rolls every month. I'm happy to say on February 2016, we recorded an increase of 175 voters very early on for the next elections.

Senator Torres

I want to also commend Professor McNinch for his efforts in getting out the vote. That's the sort of effort we need to get people to come out to vote as well as Ms. Pangelinan's efforts for online registration. Of course also with the help from our Youth Congress and all that you do to bring awareness. I foresee that you don't need that much more money because it's a very simple modification.

Chairman Respicio

There is also one area that needs to be clarified and that is relative to having to show ID to the registrar. When Senator Torres was able to introduce a bill on that, the Legislature passed it. It required that they don't have to show proof on citizenship and they would have to sign under penalty of perjury that they are qualified to vote under the circumstances but since that law has passed, I believe you said that need to be clarified? I just want to create public discussion on this because we might be able to do an amendment if Senators Underwood and Torres agrees that it is necessary to do that but is it necessary?

Ms. Pangelinan

With the update of the voter registration bill back in April, a certain portion of the old law was removed. That made it clear what requirements there are to register including the passport and the birth certificate. With the removal of those items directly off the law, it's not very clear a photo ID is required at this time.

Chairman Respicio

Has the Board addressed this? Can this be addressed through a resolution from the Board?

Senator Torres

I think what we can do the law right now particularly when you show up for voting at the polls, it provides that the precinct officials will verify your ID and so what we can do is further expound on what verification of ID means. We know that with online voter registration the way we set it up, the verifications happens on the Dept. of Motor Vehicles Division because they have gone through the vetting process and ascertain you are in fact the person you are. What we might we do on the portion when people physically register, where it doesn't say that you must show your ID, it does tell your to provide all your things so that verification part we can slip in there. We can add in there if you feel it would make it clear.

Ms. Pangelinan

I'm happy to say that all seven of our commissioners been looking since last July at the law. This was one area of concern because of the deletion of that area. We sent the compilation of there meetings. They would appreciate any updates that can be done. In the deleted portion of the law, it was very broad on what type of ID. In the old law, it mentioned a school ID, not a government ID when registering to vote.

Senator Torres

I want to look into that because I want to make sure we do, we provide for official ID for verification. I appreciate it and I acknowledge that everyone if putting a lot of effort into this.

Chairman Respicio

Thank you and I think if we do as Senator Torres is suggesting, that amendment will still be germane because Senator Underwood's bill speaks to clarifying the eligible age for voting so be thinking about what else we can clarify these boundaries.

Mr. Joe Sanchez

Please see attached testimony.

No further testimony being offered, Chairman Respicio then declared that **Bill No. 279-33 (COR)** was duly heard.

III. WRITTEN TESTIMONY

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IV. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign and Micronesia Affairs; Human and Natural Resources, Election Reform, and Capitol District hereby reports out **Bill No. 279-33 (COR)**- "AN AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (1) TO §3102(b) OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CLARIFYING ELIGIBLE AGE FOR VOTING DURING THE PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION," by **Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D.** with the recommendation to PASS.

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2016 (SECOND) REGULAR SESSION

Bill No. 279-23 (COR)

Introduced by:

N.B. Underwood, Ph.D. *mm*

AN AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW SUBSECTION (1) TO
§3102(b) OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE
ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CLARIFYING
ELIGIBLE AGE FOR VOTING DURING THE
PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION.

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

2 **Section 1.** A new Subsection (1) is hereby *added* to §3102 (b) of
3 Chapter 3, Title 3, Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:

4 “(1) Notwithstanding the age requirements of Subsection (a) and
5 (b) of this Section, at a primary election every qualified affiant
6 who is or will be on the day of the next general election eighteen
7 (18) or more years of age, and whose information is still current,
8 shall be entitled to vote at the primary election.”

9 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* become effective upon
10 enactment.

11 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application
12 to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity *shall not* affect
13 other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without
14 the invalid provision or application and to this end the provisions of this Act
15 are severable.

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2016 (SECOND) REGULAR SESSION

Bill No. 279-33 (COR)

As Substituted by the Committee

Introduced by:

N.B. Underwood, Ph.D.

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

2 **Section 1.** A new subsection (b) to §3102 and a new subsection (1) to
3 §3102 (c) of Chapter 3, Title 3 of Guam Annotated Code, is hereby *added* to
4 read:

5 **“§3102. Affidavit of Registration, Necessity for and Contents of.**

6 (a) No person shall be registered as a voter, except by affidavit of
7 registration made before an authorized registration clerk or, in the case of an
8 absentee voter, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 10 of this Title. Before

1 such affidavit shall be made, the person shall state if he or she is currently
2 registered to vote in any other jurisdiction. If that person answers
3 affirmatively, that person shall identify said jurisdiction and complete and
4 sign an attested statement on a form provided by the Commission which
5 requests the cancellation of that person's registration, and which shall be
6 forthwith forwarded by the Commission to that jurisdiction. If that person
7 answers negatively, that person shall nonetheless identify the jurisdiction in
8 which that person last voted. No registration clerk shall register any person
9 except upon the person's declaration under penalty of perjury that the person
10 is a citizen of the United States who will be at least eighteen (18) years of age
11 on the date of the next election to be conducted by the Commission, and that
12 the person is a resident of Guam. The affidavit of registration form by the
13 applicant shall contain:

14 (1) that applicant's given name, middle name, if any, and surname;

15 (2) the street name and number, municipality or lot number, and
16 municipality where that person resides on Guam;

17 (3) that the person declares under penalty of perjury that he or she is a
18 citizen of the United States who will be at least eighteen (18) years of age on
19 the date of the next election to be conducted by the Commission;

20 (4) that the person has been a resident of Guam for not less than thirty
21 (30) days immediately preceding the date on which the next election will be
22 held;

23 (5) that applicant's complete mailing address, if different from the
24 residence address, including post office address, city or town, zip code or
25 other designation used by that person for receiving mail. The form shall also
26 include a line for the applicant's e-mail address (optional to applicant);

1 (6) that applicant's telephone number;

2 (7) that applicant's place of birth;

3 (8) that applicant's date of birth;

4 (9) one (1) of the following identifiers for each applicant: (A) the
5 Guam driver's license number or Guam identification card number of the
6 applicant issued by the Department of Revenue and Taxation, Motor Vehicle
7 Division; or (B) if the applicant does not have a Guam driver's license or
8 Guam identification card, the last four (4) digits of the applicant's social
9 security number; or (C) if the applicant does not have a Guam driver's
10 license or Guam identification card or a social security number and the
11 applicant attests to that, a unique identifying number consisting of the
12 applicant's unique identification number to be assigned by the GEC
13 Executive Director.

14 (10) the statement: "Unlawful Registration is a Crime. Any person who
15 willfully causes, procures or allows himself or herself or any person to be
16 registered as a voter, knowing himself or herself or the other person not to be
17 entitled to registration, is guilty of a felony of the third degree."

18 (11) the signature of the applicant; and

19 (12) if the applicant is unable to sign the form, a statement that the
20 affidavit was completed according to the applicant's direction.

21 (b) At the time of submitting a voter registration application, a person
22 shall present a validly issued photo identification card issued by a federal,
23 state, Guam secondary school, Guam post-secondary school or Government
24 of Guam entity to the registration clerk or volunteer registrar or other
25 authorized election official.

26 (c) Notwithstanding the age requirements of Subsection (a) of this

1 Section, upon satisfactory proof of age, every person that meets all eligibility
2 requirements to register and is sixteen (16) years of age or older, may
3 preregister to vote. A properly executed registration made pursuant to this
4 Subsection shall be deemed effective as of the date the affiant will be
5 eighteen (18) years of age, if the information in the affidavit of registration is
6 still current at the time. If the information provided by the affiant is not
7 current at the time that the registration would otherwise become effective, the
8 affiant must provide current information by any means authorized in this
9 Chapter for persons eighteen (18) years of age or older for the affiant's
10 registration to become effective.

11 “(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person who is
12 seventeen (17) years old on the date of a primary election and who is
13 otherwise qualified to vote shall be qualified to vote at that primary,
14 including voting as an absentee, during a grace period, or voting early
15 with respect to that primary, if that person will be eighteen (18) years
16 old on the date of the immediately following general election.

17 All references to the requirement that a person must be eighteen
18 (18) years old to vote shall be interpreted in accordance with this
19 Section.

20 For the purposes of this Section, an individual who is seventeen
21 (17) years of age and who will be eighteen (18) years of age on the
22 date of the general election shall be deemed competent to execute and
23 attest to any voter registration forms.”

24 **Section 2.** §3108 of Chapter 3, Title 3 of Guam Annotated Code, is
25 hereby *amended* to read:

26 **“§3108. Application Constitutes Registration.**

1 The application for an absentee ballot shall constitute a sufficient
2 registration of the voter in the municipality, municipal division or district in
3 which the voter resides; provided, that the application is received by the
4 Commission prior to the closing of the registration rolls, and provided, that
5 the provisions of §3102 of this Title pertaining to citizenship, age and
6 residency on Guam are complied with to the same degree as by a person
7 registering under this Section. Such application constituting registration shall
8 be preserved and used by the Commission in the same manner as it preserves
9 and uses affidavits of registration.

10 **Section 3.** §9126 of Chapter 9, Title 3 of Guam Annotated Code, is
11 hereby *amended* to read:

12 **§9126. Reporting of Name and Signing Roster.**

13 A person desiring to vote *shall* state his or her full name and address to
14 the precinct officials at the polling place and shall present a validly issued
15 photo identification card issued by a federal, state, Guam secondary school,
16 Guam post-secondary school or Government of Guam entity to the precinct
17 official or other authorized election official.

18 After verifying the person's identity and determining that the person's
19 name appears as a registered voter on the precinct roster, the precinct officials
20 shall clearly and loudly announce the person's name. If no person challenges
21 the person's right to vote, or if, after a challenge, the precinct board
22 determines that the challenged person is entitled to vote, the person shall be
23 required to sign the roster and then be permitted to vote. In the case of a
24 person who is unable to sign the roster, a precinct official shall so note that
25 fact on the roster, and two (2) other precinct board members shall initial the
26 entry. The person shall then be permitted to vote. Any person whose right to

1 vote is denied by the precinct board may immediately appeal the decision to
2 the Commission and, if unsuccessful, to the Superior Court of Guam.”

3 **Section 4.** §15402 of Chapter 15, Title 3 of Guam Annotated Code, is
4 hereby *amended* to read:

5 **“§15402 Manner of Voting.**

6 Any person desiring to vote at a primary shall state his or her full name
7 and address to the election officials and shall present a validly issued photo
8 identification card issued by a federal, state, Guam secondary school, Guam
9 post-secondary school or Government of Guam entity to the precinct official
10 or other authorized election official. If the person desiring to vote is not
11 challenged, a precinct clerk shall issue to him or her only one (1) official
12 primary ballot. The voter shall proceed to enter one (1) of the compartments
13 provided and therein mark the ballot. The marked ballot shall immediately be
14 placed in the ballot box provided. In addition, the provisions of Chapter 10 of
15 this Title (Absent Voting) shall also apply to a primary election so as to
16 permit voting by absentee ballot therein.”

17 **Section 5.** §2103 (c) of Title 3 of the Guam Code Annotated is
18 *amended* to read:

19 **“§2103. Election Commission, Duties and Responsibilities of;**
20 **Audit Report; Rule-Making Authority.**

21 (c) As early as is reasonably possible, but not later than June 30 in each
22 odd-numbered year, the Commission shall prepare and deliver an annual
23 report to *I Maga’lahen Guåhan*, the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, and
24 the chairperson of the legislative committee with jurisdiction over matters of
25 elections, showing, with respect to the ~~preceding fiscal~~ prior year:

26 (1) recommendations of the Commission as to amendments or

1 supplementation of laws affecting elections or the office of the
2 Commission; and

3 (2) statistical information regarding the elections conducted during
4 the ~~fiscal~~ prior year.”

5 **Section 6.** New § 1122 and § 1123 are *added* to Title 3 of the Guam
6 Code Annotated to read:

7 **“§ 1122. Polling Place.** A polling place is the location where voting
8 takes place on Election Day.

9 **“§ 1123. Precinct.** A precinct is a designated area within the polling
10 place where electors cast their votes.”

11 **Section 7.** §3110 (b) of Title 3 of the Guam Code Annotated is
12 *amended* to read:

13 **“§ 3110 (b) Qualifications of Registration Clerks; Term of**
14 **Appointment.**

15 Any elector appointed as a registration clerk shall serve a limited term,
16 which shall begin from the date of appointment until midnight on the day that
17 is ~~ten (10)~~ twenty-one (21) days before the next scheduled general election.
18 The Commission shall promulgate policies and procedures to carry out the
19 intent of this Section. The Commission may also establish other terms of
20 appointment, consistent with the intent of this Section, for special elections,
21 plebiscites, initiatives and any other non-general elections as they deem
22 necessary to allow for voter registration to be conducted by duly appointed
23 registration clerks.”

24 **Section 8.** §3121 (f) of Title 3 of the Guam Code Annotated is
25 *amended* to read:

26 **“§ 3121. Grounds for Cancellation of Registration.**

1 (f) if the person registered has not voted in two (2) consecutive general
2 elections, unless such person mailed an absentee ballot that was postmarked
3 on or before the last general election day, but was received after the ~~closing~~
4 ~~of the election polls; tenth (10th) day after the general election;~~ provided,
5 however, that in the case of a runoff election, those registered to vote for the
6 general election shall remain eligible to vote in the runoff election, regardless
7 of whether they voted at the immediately preceding general election; or”

8 **Section 9.** §3123 of Title 3 of the Guam Code Annotated is *amended*
9 to read:

10 **“§ 3123. Cancellation of Non-Voting Registrants.**

11 Within ninety (90) days of the certification of the returns of any
12 general election or a runoff election subsequent thereto, the Commission
13 shall cancel the registration of any person who failed to vote in the general
14 election pursuant to § 3121(f). Prior to the cancellation of registration for any
15 voter who has failed to vote in two (2) consecutive general elections, the
16 Commission shall first notify by mail its intention to such voter, and publish
17 in a newspaper of general circulation a list of individuals whose registration
18 will be cancelled at least thirty (30) days prior to cancellation. ~~The~~
19 ~~registration of a person who mailed an absentee ballot that was postmarked~~
20 ~~on or before the general election, but whose ballot was not received by the~~
21 ~~Commission prior to the closing of the polls at the general election; or a~~
22 ~~person who votes in a general election, but who fails to vote in any runoff~~

1 ~~election held subsequent thereto; or a person who failed to vote in the general~~
2 ~~election, but did vote in a runoff election held subsequent to such general~~
3 ~~election, shall not be considered a person who failed to vote. The registration~~
4 ~~of a person shall not be considered a person who failed to vote who:~~

5 (a) mailed an absentee ballot that was postmarked on or before the
6 general election, but whose ballot was not received by the Commission prior
7 to the closing of the polls at the general election after the tenth (10th) day
8 after a general election; or

9 (b) a person who votes in a general election, but who fails to vote in
10 any runoff election held subsequent thereto; or

11 (c) a person who failed to vote in the general election, but did vote in a
12 runoff election held subsequent to such general election.

13 The Commission shall notify by mail each person whose registration is
14 cancelled of that fact, and that the person is no longer eligible to vote until
15 that person again has registered as provided in this Title. The Commission
16 shall establish by rule a procedure for a person who believes that that
17 person's registration has been cancelled erroneously to challenge such
18 cancellation."

19 **Section 10.** §3124 of Title 3 of the Guam Code Annotated is *amended*
20 to read:

21 **"§ 3124 Reports of Adjudged Incompetents.**

22 Every judge before whom proceedings are held which result in any
23 person being declared incapable of managing or taking care of either himself
24 or herself, or property, or both, and for whom a guardian of his or her person,
25 or estate, or both, is accordingly appointed, or which results in his or her

1 being declared mentally incompetent or committed to a mental facility as an
2 incompetent person, shall file with the Commission no later than forty five
3 (45) days before any election a certificate of that fact, and thereupon the
4 Commission shall cancel the name of that person upon the register.”

5 **Section 11.** §3126 and §3127 of Title 3 of the Guam Code Annotated
6 are *amended* to read:

7 **“§ 3126 Preservation of Registration Affidavits.**

8 The Commission shall preserve all uncanceled affidavits of
9 registration, ~~and the cancelled duplicates~~, made for the purpose of procuring
10 registration. The affidavits of registration shall constitute the register of
11 voters required to be maintained by the provisions of this Title.

12 **§ 3127 Compilation of Registration Affidavits.**

13 Within ten (10) days after the last day of registration for any election,
14 the Commission shall compile the original ~~and duplicate~~ affidavits of
15 registration for each precinct in which the election is to be held in such
16 manner as the Commission may prescribe in the Election Manual.”

17 **Section 12.** §4102 of Title 3 of the Guam Code Annotated is *amended*
18 to read:

19 **“§ 4102. Number of Voters Per Polling Place.**

20 The Commission may fix and designate precincts within each polling
21 place in such a manner that the total number of voters estimated at
22 each ~~polling place~~ precinct will not substantially exceed eight hundred
23 (800).”

24 **Section 13.** §7116 (a) of Title 3 of the Guam Code Annotated is
25 *amended* to read:

26 **“§ 7116. Security of Ballots.**

1 The Commission shall promulgate and publish in the Election Manual
2 rules and regulations pursuant to the Administrative Adjudication Law to
3 ensure maximum security of the ballots and assure the integrity of the
4 election process. The rules shall provide, at the minimum:

5 (a) that ~~the~~ each boxes that will contain cast ballots be locked and
6 sealed from the time the first ballot is cast into each ballot boxes ~~are~~
7 ~~transported from the Commission~~ until their opening at the Election Return
8 Center after polls close;”

9 **Section 14. Effective Date.** This Act *shall* become effective upon
10 enactment.

11 **Section 15. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application
12 to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity *shall not* affect
13 other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
14 the invalid provision or application and to this end the provisions of this Act
15 are severable.

SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO
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Sponsor Statement

Bill 279-33

An act to *add* a new subsection (1) to §3102(b) of Chapter 3, Title 3, Guam Code Annotated, Relative to Clarifying Eligible Age for Voting During the Primary and General Election.

Thank you to the Committee Chair, Senator Respicio, for expeditiously scheduling a public hearing on Bill No. 279-33 (COR).

Bill 279-33 adds a new subsection to current Guam statutes to further clarify the eligible age for voting during the primary based on the existing eligibility age of voters in the general election. Basically, pre-registered voters who are 17 years of age would be allowed to vote in the primary election only if they will be 18 years old by the general election.

As it is now, the age of consent is 16 years old; the age to get a driver's license is also 16 years old. And to

enlist in military service, one must be 17 years old with parental consent. Age 16-18 years is a critical age for many of our young adults, and thus we need to make every attempt to include them and prepare them to take responsibility. As American citizens on Guam, we all know the critical importance of suffrage and voting rights, especially since our votes for president are not counted when it comes to electoral votes. Given this context, we should unite to make uniform the ability of voters who will be of age in the general election to contribute to the selection of candidates who we will ultimately vote for in the general election. We all know when we are able to contribute, we take ownership. Let's provide our constituents with ability to own this vital part of our democratic process.

I appreciate the work of Senator Torres in initiating the law that allows persons at least 16 years of age to pre-register to vote. It is important for us to facilitate and encourage responsible participation for in the voting process. Through Bill 279-33, I believe we can help our young adults to witness their efforts and see that they have the ability to make a difference.

Guam can help make history by joining 21 states and the District of Columbia that already allow 17 year olds who will be 18 by the general election to participate in their state primaries or caucuses.

It's important for me to emphasize that primary voting rights for 17-year-olds does not change the voting age since only those 17-year-olds who will be 18 by the general election may vote in the corresponding primary election. This bill treats the nomination contest as an integral part of the general election in which these citizens can vote. Remember the 26th Amendment prevents jurisdictions from denying suffrage to 18-year-olds, but does not prevent our legislature from establishing 17-year-old primary voting.

If I can emphasize one thing today it is that voting when young forms a lifetime habit. All parties have a self-interest in encouraging this policy—if a 17-year-old votes in a particular party's contest, that young person may vote for decades based on their shared values and interests. Studies show youth will vote if asked to do

so—this policy increases youth engagement in the political process by creating an ethos of participation from a younger age. Once a person votes, that person is likely to vote again.

I look forward to listening to the testimony provided this morning, and hope to get the support of my colleagues to have Bill 279-33 passed so that we can ensure that eligible young adults are included in the very important process of voting in Guam.

In closing, just imagine that you are 17 years old and you keep hearing from older brothers and sisters and parents and grandparents about the issues of the day; imagine that you see a candidate at the mall or at a social event; imagine that you are really upset about a cancer death of a loved one or coconut rhinoceros beetles that have attacked trees along the road, imagine that you are concerned about the quality of your science lab- you now can approach the candidates and tell them what you think and they will be more than polite--you feel empowered and engaged. You can imagine the difference you can make as a more engaged and empowered citizen

once you realize that you can affect your future and theirs. It's more than imagining now, today we can make it a reality with this important bill. That is the power of democracy and that is the miracle of waking the spirit up in our young people.



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March 22, 2016

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Hafa Adai Mr. Chairman:

At a public meeting of the Guam Election Commission, last night, March 21, 2016, Bill No. 279-33 (COR) was discussed. The Commissioners welcome any bill that will promote participation in the voting process. In particular, the Commission is very supportive of the efforts to grow the young voters, a very poorly represented sector of our voter population (8.6% of the 2014 General Election voters). Please keep in mind that more resources will be required should this bill become law.

Si Yu'os ma'ase' for your continued support of the Guam Election Commission. Pudi ha' mas meggai na man hoben man bota yan man ma kuenta este i mamaila na ileksion!

Sinseramente,

MARIA PANGELINAN
Executive Director

March 22, 2016

Leonardo Orsini testimony:

As representatives of the 30th Guam Youth Congress, we, the signatories, support Bill 279 that will allow 17-year-olds who will turn 18 by a general election date to vote in a primary election. Such a practice, that is implemented in at least 20 states, seeks to create greater access for young adults to participate in our democratic process. We, young adults, represent a demographic that has historically shown the lowest voter turn-out, yet has also been realized to be one of the strongest and often untapped pool of voters for any election. As politically engaged individuals, we realize the need for our voices to be heard and for a political system to allow us to become agents of change. The youth voice has historically been the driving force for institutional change within our society. We are idealists, inheritors of our parents' world, and the future solvers of today's problems in order to create a better world. We represent a voice that must be allowed to participate in the mechanisms of society so as to catalyze positive change.

The intent of bill 279 could not be more patriotic to the ideals of America. Spanning since its revolutionary beginnings of disaffected colonists to numerous civil rights movements and present-day struggles, America's history is characterized as one that has shown that the rights to participate in democracy are inherent to those who are governed. It is unpatriotic to take on an attitude of exclusion, such as to prevent this group of young adults who would be affected by this bill, from participating in our democratic process. Bill 279 seeks to promote and uphold the ideals of democracy by enfranchising young adults, who by mere consequence of their date of birth would be barred from voting in a primary election regardless of their ability to vote in the subsequent general election.

Attached is the statement letter endorsed by Legislative Secretary Brey Rosario, Chairman on the Committee on Public Infrastructure and Transportation Javan Santos, Chairwoman on Health and Human Resources Jia Jia Zhang, Chairman on the Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Public Utilities Christopher Hattori, Chairwoman on the Committee on Rules Christine Arce, and myself, Leonardo Orsini, Vice Speaker.

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Many of the potential youth voters that Senator Underwood's bill recognizes will allow the senators to take clearer positions on the youth because these youth shall become their constituents. In a political system where the voters' desires greatly influence a candidate's stance on the issues, the youth's issues may not be represented as extensively in a potential elected official's platform. More youth voters can lead to more senators attempting to persuade the youth to vote in their favor. However, the promises these candidates make to the youth must be different than those to the general population. The youth of today can't be persuaded merely by fixing the present or correcting the past. These potential voters are just beginning their path into what life has to offer. They don't know what's transpired in the political realm over the past five or ten years. Instead, these voters, like all youth, are looking forward to the world ahead of them. These potential voters' decisions will not only reflect the will of the present, but also the will of the future. If these voters are considered, we can hope to see more people voting by looking ahead, more candidates looking ahead and all together a brighter future for our island."



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Testimony in Support of Bill 279-33

Hafa Adai! Thank you Madam Speaker, Madam Chairperson Underwood and Senators!

My name is Joe Sanchez and I am the Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Instructional Improvement of the Guam Department of Education. I come before you today to offer my support of Bill 279-33. As an educator and one who is responsible for crafting the educational experience of students in the GDOE, I would like assert that this Bill is really a prime example of "the point of education." Allowing our young people access to and an opportunity to expand their ability to participate in the political process is a recognition of their voice and importance to our society.

The Bill is directly aligned to our Department's Mission which in summary charges us to Prepare All Students for a life where they can go straight into a career, pursue higher education and to be engaged in our civic processes.

This also comes at a time where there seems to be an eagerness in this generations desire to be involved and to have their voices heard. I have several examples that I am proud to share with you today.

In SY2013-14, when we were drafting our State Strategic Plan we visited schools to meet with students to get input on the challenges they were experiencing and to obtain some suggestions on how we can improvement he department. The input they provided was nothing short of impressive. They spoke about instructional quality, the need for rigor in the classroom, the lack of resources, the need for more technology, their desire to be treated with respect, racism in the schools, school violence. All of their input was taken into consideration when crafting our state plan.

The students who are currently on our Island-wide Board of Governing Students (IBOGS): This is an impressive group. They do not sit idly by and just listen to the adults speak. They get involved. They voice their concerns. And they let you know when they disagree with you. They bring a very mature and humbling perspective to the table at all of our Board meetings and work sessions when they participate. I enjoy working with them very much.

Very recently, over the past few months in fact, we have students from various middle and high schools participate in the Imagine Guam conventions- The meetings for Imagine Guam where we were to craft a vision and plan for the Island for the next 50 years. I couldn't be prouder of our student representatives. As I walked around observing the groups, I found them to be very eager to share and participate. They were thoughtful and very articulate and again, contributed a very important perspective to the groups work.

This Bill would allow our young people greater access to a process that we want them to participate in all of their life. As a school system, we can further support the Bill's intent by strengthening our curriculum in the areas of civics and government and promote the elections as a culminating activity for many of our Junior and Seniors.

Together with the law that allows for early registration at 16, these Bills and those similar show that we are moving in the right directions when it comes to hearing and lending legitimacy to the voices of Guam's youth.

Thank you again for this opportunity.

Senator Underwood,

I write in response to the article on the PNS website that states you want to lower the voting age threshold to 17. I am quite sure that you, as a learned professional educator are aware of the science behind my statement.

Science shows us that most young adult brains do not fully mature until the age of 22 – 23 years old. Yet,

- We let them consume alcohol at age 21
- We let them smoke tobacco at age 21
- We let them enlist in the military at age 18, and in some cases earlier.
 Were they are armed and make decisions of life and death
- We let them get married at age 18
- We let them vote to remove, retain or select
 the new leaders of our community and island at the age of 18
- We let them enter into legal contracts at age 18
- We let then engage in consensual sex at age 16
- We let them operate automobiles at age 16
- We put curfews on them until they are age 18, and even older
- We require them to pay taxes when they get jobs, even for the summer jobs.

What I am trying to say is, the age of majority should be based on logical considerations. If we try to factor in th idea that young adults participate in the election process in high school, please accept this nugget of information; these elections are 90% based on popularity, and in most cases less than 10% actually participate by voting. And that extends to college. In my capacity as a former SBA advisor (JFKHS) and a student council member and president (UOG), the numbers are fairly true. So by lowering the threshold to vote serves no logical reason other than to increase the total number of qualified voters.

So, are young adults, aged 17, prepared to make an informed decision to select our leaders. I wonder. I know that many 18+ year olds are not, because they tell me so. Please leave well enough alone, don't change it. Just because a town in the states or a politician does it, or suggests it, does not mean it should be done. I thank you for your time,

Sincerely,

/s/ 

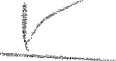
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RE: Request for Fiscal Notes – Bill Nos. 279-33(COR) through 281-33(COR)

Hafa Adai Mr. Calvo:

Transmitted herewith is a listing of *I Mina'trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan's* most recently introduced bills. Pursuant to 2 GCA §9103, I respectfully request the preparation of fiscal notes for the referenced bills.

Si Yu'os ma'åse' for your attention to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

Senator Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

Attachment (1)

Cc: Clerk of the Legislature

Bill Nos.	Sponsor	Title
279-33 (COR)	N. B. Underwood, Ph.D.	AN AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (1) TO §3102(b) OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CLARIFYING ELIGIBLE AGE FOR VOTING DURING THE PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION.
280-33 (COR)	Tommy Morrison	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A BINDING REFERENDUM DURING THE 2016 GENERAL ELECTION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPENSATION, CLASSIFICATION, AND BENEFITS ADJUSTMENTS PURSUANT TO THE COMPETITIVE WAGE ACT OF 2014, AS APPROVED BY I MAGA'LÅHEN GUÅHAN AND I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN FOR CLASSIFIED, UNCLASSIFIED, APPOINTED, AND ELECTED POSITIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM, SHALL CONTINUE.
281-33 (COR)	FRANK B. AGUON, JR.	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A BINDING REFERENDUM DURING THE 2016 GENERAL ELECTION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPENSATION, CLASSIFICATION, AND BENEFITS ADJUSTMENTS, PURSUANT TO THE COMPETITIVE WAGE ACT OF 2014, AS APPROVED BY I MAGA'LÅHEN GUÅHAN AND I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN FOR CERTAIN APPOINTED AND ELECTED POSITIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM, SHALL CONTINUE.



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Certification of Waiver of Fiscal Note Requirement

This is to certify that the Committee on Rules submitted to the Bureau of Budget and Management Research (BBMR) a request for a fiscal note, or applicable waiver, on **Bill No. 279-33 (COR) – N.B. Underwood, "AN AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION (1) TO §3102(b) OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CLARIFYING ELIGIBLE AGE FOR VOTING DURING THE PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION,"**– on February 17, 2016. COR hereby certifies that BBMR confirmed receipt of this request March 17, 2016 at 12:57 P.M.

COR further certifies that a response to this request was not received. **Therefore, pursuant to 2 GCA §9105, the requirement for a fiscal note, or waiver thereof, on Bill 279-33 (COR) to be included in the committee report on said bill, is hereby waived.**

Certified by:

Senator Rory J. Respicio
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March 30, 2016

Date



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From: Senator Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson of the Committee on Rules

Subject: Referral of Bill No. 279-33(COR)

As the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of **Bill No. 279-33(COR)**.

Please ensure that the subject bill is referred, in my name, to the respective committee, as shown on the attachment. I also request that the same be forwarded to all members of *I Mina'trentai Tres Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 472-7679.

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Attachment

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Bill Log Sheet

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THIRTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE

March 18, 2016

VIA E-MAIL:

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Subject: Invitation to Public Hearing-- Tuesday, March 22, 2016, 10:00 A.M.

Dear Ms. Pangelinan:

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9:00 A.M. Public Hearing

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Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to your attendance and participation. *Si Yu'os Ma'ase!*

Very truly yours,

Handwritten signature of Rory J. Respicio.

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- III. Items for Public Consideration**

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- IV. Closing Remarks**
- V. Adjournment**

For copies of the above mentioned bills, please visit the Guam Legislature's website at www.guamlegislature.com. Testimony should be addressed to Senator Rory J. Respicio, Chairperson, and may be submitted via hand-delivery to our office or our mailbox at the Main Legislature Building at 155 Hesler Place, Hagatna, Guam 96910 or via e-mail to cor@guamlegislature.com. Individuals requiring special accommodations, auxiliary aids, or services shall contact and submit their request to Elaine Tajalle at our office. For more information, please call 472-7679. We look forward to your attendance and participation. *Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!*



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33rd Guam Legislature

Senator Nerissa B. Underwood, Ph.D.

Committee on Early Learning, Juvenile Justice, Public Education, and First Generation Initiatives

NEWS RELEASE

**SENATOR UNDERWOOD'S BILL CLARIFIES VOTING RIGHTS
FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

FOR IMMEDIATE NEWS RELEASE (March 15, 2016 – Hagåtña, GU) –

Senator Nerissa Bretania Underwood, Ph.D (D), Committee Chair on Early Learning, Juvenile Justice, Public Education, and First Generation Initiatives, introduced Bill 279-33 (COR) this morning, which allows for pre-registered voters who are 17 years of age to be allowed to vote in the Primary Election if they turn 18 years old by the General Election.

The introduction of Bill 279-33 (COR) was inspired by the recent judicial ruling in Ohio in favor of allowing voters who are 17 years of age to be able to vote in the presidential primary election if they turn 18 years old by the time of the presidential general election. The lawsuit, filed by six Ohio 17-year olds and Democratic Presidential candidate Senator Bernie Sanders (Vermont), sought to ensure that young people have every opportunity to get involved in the presidential elections.

Bill 279-33 would clarify Public Law 33-12, introduced by Senator Mary Camacho Torres, which allows pre-registration of persons at least 16 years of age for upcoming elections. If passed, Bill 279-33 would allow young adults to exercise their right to vote if they turn 18 years old by the General Election date.

Senator Underwood expressed that Bill 279-33 is in line with First Generation Initiative endeavors, stating, “We need to make every attempt to include our eligible young adults in the voting process. Ensuring that they are able vote at this age gives them the opportunity to witness that their efforts can and do make a difference.” Senator Underwood appreciates the work of Senator Torres in facilitating registration and this provides the opportunity to make that early registration be of significance to voters and candidates for office alike. “A democracy is made more resilient and more accountable to the people through early participation. Voting is a habit that we want to encourage,” she added.

For more information, contact Senator Underwood at senatorunderwood@guamlegislature.org or her office at 671-969-0973/4.

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News release from Senator Nerissa B. Underwood

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Tue, Mar 15, 2016 at 9:20 AM

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Hafa adai,

Please see news release from Senator Nerissa B. Underwood regarding introduction of Bill 279-33 (COR).

Thank you,
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Nicole Santos

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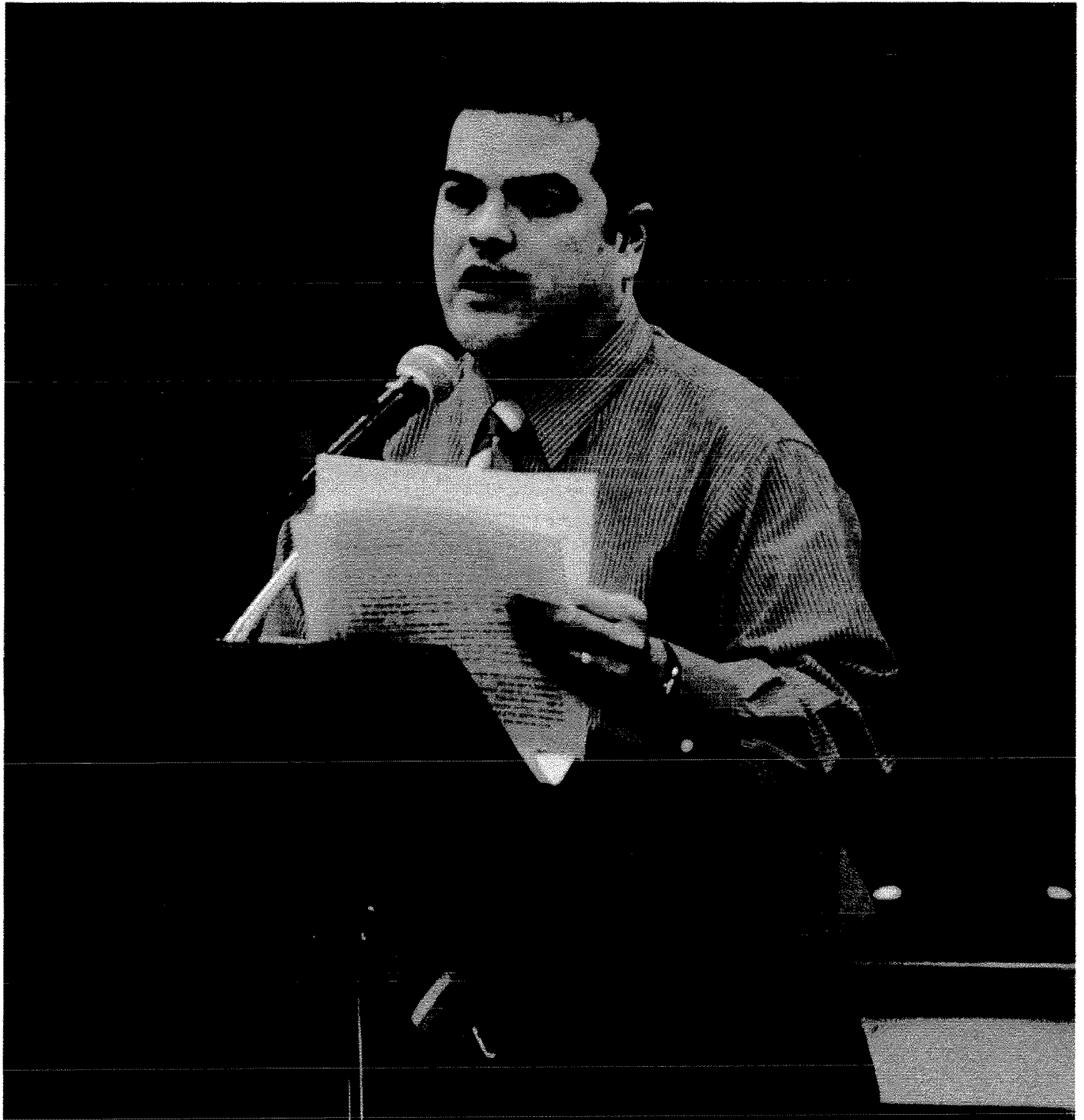
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By Robert Q. Tupaz

Post News Staff

Several roundtable meetings are scheduled to take place this week at the Guam Legislature with discussions that focus on erosion, retirement benefits for government employees and the business privilege tax on contractors.

As well, a measure that proposes to allow 17-year-olds a voice in primary elections will be heard among other proposed legislation.

Before the first roundtable of the week, Sen. Rory Respicio's committee on natural resources and election reform will first receive testimony tomorrow, March 22, during a public hearing scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on the reappointment of Robert A. Perron and Florida M. Sanchez to the board of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency.

Respicio's committee will then tackle Sen. Nerissa Underwood's Bill No. 279-33. According to Underwood, Bill 279 would allow persons who are 17 years of age to vote in a primary election if they've pre-registered and will turn 18 years of age by the scheduled general election.

Last year, lawmakers passed Public Law 33-12, authored by Sen. Mary Torres, which allows pre-registration of persons at least 16 years of age for upcoming elections.

"We need to make every attempt to include our eligible young adults in the voting process. Ensuring that they are able to vote at this age gives them the opportunity to witness that their efforts can and do make a difference," Underwood said upon introducing Bill 279 on March 15.

Erosion

At 10 a.m., Respicio will shift the committee into a roundtable to continue discussion of solutions for erosion problems of the Talofofu and Ugum Rivers and the attendant environmental and economic impacts.

In December, over three dozen government officials took the Valley of the Latte River Adventure tour to see soil erosion along the southern rivers. Almost an acre of land has been lost into the ocean because of soil erosion, said property owners.

Moreover, environmental concerns were raised because the soil leads off the river banks and ends up in the ocean and the coral reefs, smothering the reef and preventing coral from settling in. Another effect of the erosion off the river banks is excess algae, which deters fish, experts said.

Later in the day, at 5:30 p.m. Speaker Judith Won Pat will convene the committee on higher education and cultural affairs to receive testimony on the appointment of Richard P. Sablan to the board of trustees of the Guam Community College.

In addition, Won Pat will hear Bill No. 230-33 introduced by Sens. Tony Ada and Frank F. Blas, Jr. The measure proposes to name the Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility as the "Senator Antonio 'Tony' M. Palomo Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility"

Palomo, a former senator and journalist, was highly regarded as a Guam historian and educator. He served as the Guam Museum head from 1995 to 2007. Palomo passed away in 2013.

On Wednesday, March 23, at 3:30 p.m. Vice Speaker Benjamin Cruz will continue his series of roundtable discussions on his proposed hybrid retirement plan as contained in Bill No. 2-33.

Cruz already held several discussions since December on the proposal and is proceeding cautiously with any changes as he gathers stakeholder input about the future of the government of Guam retirement plan.

Cruz continues to solicit input from the public, especially employees that may be affected. Interested individuals can submit testimony, view submitted testimony, presentations, and the GGRF actuary's reports on both his official website at www.senatorbjcruz.com and that of the Office of Finance and Budget at www.ofbguam.org.

Sen. Michael San Nicolas will round out the week of roundtables on Thursday, March 24, with a discussion on Bill No. 221-33. The measure introduced by Sen. Frank Aguon Jr., concerns the business privilege tax on contractors to prevent the possibility of double taxation of certain projects and contract classes.

The roundtable on Bill 221 begins at 2 p.m. All hearings are scheduled to take place at their respective times and dates in the public hearing room of the Guam Legislature in Hagåtña.

Robert Tupaz

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Young voter bill backed

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(Photo: PDN file)

Several government officials Tuesday testified in support of the latest election reform bill that could allow certain 17-year-olds to vote in the island's upcoming Primary Election.

Earlier this month, Sen. Nerissa Underwood, D-Tamuning, introduced [Bill 279-33](http://202.128.4.46/Bills_Introduced_33rd/Bill%20No.%20B279-33%20(COR).pdf) ([http://202.128.4.46/Bills_Introduced_33rd/Bill%20No.%20B279-33%20\(COR\).pdf](http://202.128.4.46/Bills_Introduced_33rd/Bill%20No.%20B279-33%20(COR).pdf)), which intends to give 17-year-olds who will turn 18 on or by the Nov. 8 General Election the opportunity to vote in the Primary Election.

"As American citizens in Guam, we all know the critical importance of suffrage and voting rights, especially since our votes for president are not counted when it comes to electoral votes," Underwood said. "Given this context, we should unite to make uniform the ability of voters who will be of age in the General Election to contribute to the selection of candidates."

Leonardo Orsini, vice speaker of the Guam Youth Congress, praised the bill, calling it patriotic to American ideals of democracy. He also said the measure highlights an opportunity to increase voter turnout from the

youth demographic.



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[Guam Election Commission owes money for unplanned expenses](http://www.guampdn.com/story/news/2016/02/28/guam-election-commission-owes-money-unplanned-expenses/80972248/)

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"Such a practice — that is implemented in at least 20 states — seems to create greater access for young adults to participate in our democratic process," Orsini said.

"We young adults represent a demographic that has historically filled the lowest voter turnout. It has also been realized as the strongest and often untapped pool of voters for any election," he added. "As politically engaged individuals, we realize the need for our voices to be heard and for a political system to allow us to become agents of change."

If enacted, the initiative is likely to incite more participation from youths, according to Ron McNinch, associate professor of public administration at the University of Guam. He hopes it will create a domino effect, in which the youth demographic grows in subsequent elections.

"When younger people vote, that kind of creates an effect where others want to vote. We do stuff because we're constantly comparing ourselves to other people," McNinch said. "I certainly hope that young people will catch on to this."

Guam Election Commission Executive Director Maria Pangelinan said the commissioners support any initiative to increase voter participation, especially from Guam's youths, which made up only 8.6 percent of the votes in the 2014 General Election.

"The commissioners welcome any bill that will promote participation in the voting process," she said. "In particular, the commission is very supportive of the efforts to grow the young voters, a very poorly represented sector of our voter population."

During the public hearing, Pangelinan advised lawmakers that if the bill is enacted, the Election Commission would need additional resources.



PACIFIC DAILY NEWS

[Bill would allow 17-year-olds to vote in Primary Election](http://www.guampdn.com/story/news/2016/03/21/bill-would-allow-17-year-olds-vote-primary-election/82065950/)

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"We would have to set up the database to weed out those who won't be 18 by the General Election," Pangelinan said.

The agency is working to upgrade its voter registration system, pending supplemental funds from the Guam Legislature. The Election Commission, Pangelinan said, also needs another \$309,000 to conduct the Primary Election.

It'll take about \$97,000 for a quick fix of the voter registration system, which is more than 20 years old, Pangelinan said.

Sen. Tony Ada, R-Sinajana, asked Pangelinan how the Election Commission plans on implementing the technology necessary for Underwood's bill, should it pass.

"In terms of how are we going to implement this law when it becomes enacted? We will come back to you to let you know that ... this is what we've done, this is the progress we made and this is what need to continue on," Pangelinan said.



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Guam Youth Congress advocates for island's youth

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Hafa Adai Superintendent Fernandez,

The Offices of Senators Rory Respicio and Nerissa Bretania Underwood, Ph.D. request the opportunity to visit Simon Sanchez on March 31 and remaining public high schools in the following days to garner feedback and testimony on Bill 279-33 which directly affects high school students on Guam by expanding voter eligibility in the primaries to 17 year olds who will be 18 by the general election.

If students already have written feedback and testimony on this bill, please encourage them to submit by the deadline of April 1 to the Committee on Rules via Senator Rory J. Respicio's office. Testimonies can be delivered to 155 Hesler Place, Suite 302, Hagåtña, Guam 96910 or emailed at roryforguam@gmail.com.

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