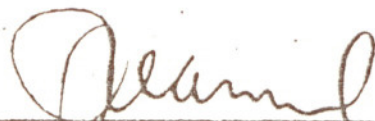


CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This certifies that Bill No. 165, "An Act to call a special election in Guam to permit the voters of Guam to express their views on the political reintegration of the Marianas Islands and to invite the Marianas District of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to conduct a similar election among the voters of said district at the same time", was on the 8th day of July, 1969, duly and regularly passed.



JOAQUIN C. ARRIOLA
Speaker

ATTESTED:



JAMES T. SABLAN
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 18th day
of July, 1969 at 2:45 o'clock P.M.

/s/ DENVER DICKERSON

DENVER DICKERSON
Secretary of Guam

APPROVED:

/s/ Carlos G. Camacho

CARLOS G. CAMACHO
Governor of Guam

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Bill No. 165

Introduced by

R. J. Bordallo
R. F. Taitano

AN ACT TO CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION IN GUAM
TO PERMIT THE VOTERS OF GUAM TO EXPRESS THEIR
VIEWS ON THE POLITICAL REINTEGRATION OF THE
MARIANAS ISLANDS AND TO INVITE THE MARIANAS
DISTRICT OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC
ISLANDS TO CONDUCT A SIMILAR ELECTION AMONG
THE VOTERS OF SAID DISTRICT AT THE SAME TIME.

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

2 Section 1. The Legislature finds that:

3 (1) It is a truism that the inhabitants of Guam are
4 of the same ancestry, practice the same religion, have an
5 identical culture and practically the same history as the
6 inhabitants of the other islands of the Marianas, the two
7 peoples being for most purposes indistinguishable, despite
8 the fact that those in Guam are U.S. citizens while those
9 in the rest of the Marianas are not, this artificial and
10 deeply tragic political division between an homogeneous
11 and closely related group of people being deplored
12 throughout the Marianas;

13 (2) In response to the rising demand for action to
14 terminate this artificial separation of kindred people,
15 the legislative bodies of both the Marianas District of
16 the Trust Territory and of Guam have adopted resolutions
17 and set up special committees to attempt to decide what
18 steps should be taken to achieve reintegration;

19 (3) In addition to such legislative activities, the
20 island of Saipan, the principal population center of the
21 Marianas District, has on two separate occasions in the
22 post-war years conducted a referendum among its inhabitants
23 as to reintegration, and the results of both such referenda
24 were overwhelmingly in favor thereof, these referenda,
25 together with the many informal petitions and requests,

1 being indisputable and irrefutable evidence that
2 reintegration is not merely the desire of ambitious
3 politicians but the fervent hope of all the people of
4 these islands, who, in many respects, are out ahead of
5 their leaders on this question and are demanding action;

6 (4) Further study and investigation must therefore
7 cease since what is now required is action leading toward
8 reintegration, the resolutions, study committees and
9 referenda having again and again established the legal,
10 political, moral, and historic justification for reintegration,
11 and that what remains to be done now is joint action
12 to bring it about; and

13 (5) The first such action to be taken should be to
14 conduct among all the people of the Marianas a joint
15 plebescite to be held both in the Marianas District of the
16 Trust Territory and in Guam, this plebescite to demonstrate
17 once and for all to the United Nations and to the United
18 States of America, the trustee of the Marianas, that the
19 people of the Marianas are united behind reintegration and
20 that the sole remaining issue is not how, but when.

21 Section 2. There shall be held in Guam a Special Election
22 to submit to the voters of a special question, as hereinafter
23 set out, to determine the will and desire of the people of
24 Guam thereon. Said Special Election shall be held on the
25 Tuesday next after the first Monday of November, 1969, and the
26 Governor shall issue a proclamation calling such Special Election
27 for such date, to be held in accordance with the election laws
28 of Guam and the provisions of this Act.

29 Section 3. In said Special Election, each qualified
30 elector shall be given a special ballot, to be prepared and
31 furnished by the Election Commission, which shall be in
32 substantially the following form: