ELEVENTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 1972 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Bill No. 861, "An Act amending Section 4116.2 of the Government Code of Guam relative to maximum salaries for members of the Governor's staff, and for other purposes", was on the 24th day of November, 1972, duly and regularly passed.

T. RAMIREZ F. Speaker

ATTESTED:

A. C. SANCHEZ

Acting Legislative Secretary

This Act was rec	eived by	the Governor	this	500	day
of DMMW	, 1972 a	t <u>3:00</u> o'	clock	<u> </u>	

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Bill No. 861

Introduced by

Committee on Rules, by request of the Governor.

AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 4116.2 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE OF GUAM RELATIVE TO MAXIMUM SALARIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNOR'S STAFF, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF GUAM: Section 1. Section 4116.2 of the Government Code of Guam is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 4116.2. Governor's staff. The Governor is authorized to establish such positions as may be necessary for the operation of his office and for the operation of Government House; provided, however, that no person shall be appointed to fill such a position in the absence of a specific appropriation to pay the salary set for each such position. The Governor shall set the salaries for such positions; however, in no event shall the annual salary for any one position exceed the amount of Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$19,000.00)."

Section 2. Section 2050 of the Government Code of Guam is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

"Section 2050. Election Commission: composition: removal of members: chairman: quorum. (a) There is within the government of Guam the Election Commission. The Commission shall consist of seven (7) members, all of whom shall be eligible voters on the date of their appointment. The Governor shall appoint six (6) members from recommendations made by the recognized political parties of the territory. Each of the recognized political

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parties shall recommend an equal number of names to the Governor and the six (6) members appointed by the Governor shall be appointed so that the recognized political parties are equally represented. If any any time there are more than three (3) recognized political parties the six (6) members appointed by the Governor shall be appointed so that no more than two (2) of such members shall be members of the same recognized political party. One (1) member shall be selected and appointed by the six (6) members appointed by the Governor. The appointment of the seventh member of the Commission shall be concurred in by at least four (4) members. The members shall serve for a term of two (2) years. If a vacancy should occur on the Commission, said vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term only, and by the method originally prescribed for its appointment. Every member of the Commission who is not in the service of the government, for which he receives an annual compensation, shall be paid Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) for each attendance of a meeting upon his duties.

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(b) Any member may be removed for misconduct in office by a resolution duly adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the members elected to the Legislature.

(c) The Commission shall annually elect one (1) of its members as Chairman. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Commission.

(d) A majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. The vote of a majority of the Commission shall be required to make any action of the Commission effective."

Section 3. A new Section 2050.1 is hereby added to the Government Code of Guam to read as follows:

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"Section 2050.1. Same: executive officer: appointment: compensation. (a) The Commission shall appoint with the advice and consent of the Legislature an executive officer. Said executive officer shall administer the Election Law of Guam and shall perform and discharge all of the powers, duties, purposes, functions and jurisdiction hereunder or which hereafter by law may be vested in the Commission, under rules of the Commission and subject to the right of appeal to the Commission.

(b) The executive officer shall serve as the ex-officio secretary for the Commission, but shall not be a voting member thereof. He, as such secretary, shall keep the minutes of its proceedings, preserve all reports made to it, keep a record of all examinations held under its direction, and perform such other duties as the Commission shall prescribe.

(c) The executive officer shall be a member of the unclassified service and shall receive an annual salary as prescribed by Section 4106 of this Code. Said executive officer shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission provided however, that he may not be removed unless his removal is concurred in by four (4) Commission members." Section 4. Section 2051 of the Government Code of Guam is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 2051. Same: duties and responsibilities. The Commission shall have direct and immediate supervision over the municipal and district officials designated in accordance with the laws of the Territory of Guam to perform duties relative to the conduct of elections. The Commission shall suspend from the performance of said duties any of said officials who shall fail to comply with its instructions, orders, decisions, or rulings, and appoint

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temporary substitutes and, upon its recommendation, the Governor may remove any and all such officials who shall be found guilty of nonfeasance, or misfeasance in connection with the performance of their duties relative to the conduct of elections.

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The Commission shall designate such subordinate officers and employees as may be necessary for the efficient performance of its functions and duties, each of whom, if not already employed by the government, shall receive a salary to be determined in accordance with the laws of the Territory of Guam."

Section 5. Section 2055 of the Government Code of Guam is hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 6. Section 2059.1 of the Government Code of Guam is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 2059.1. Same: in office of the Commission. The registration of electors shall also be in progress in the office of the Commission at such times as the office is open for business, except that the rolls shall be closed and no registration or transfers may be recorded for the twenty (20) working days next preceding a primary, general or special election. During this period of registration, transfer of registration may be made from one precinct to another precinct."

Section 7. Section 4106 of the Government Code of Guam is hereby amended where pertinent to read as follows:

"Section 4106. Unclassified service. (a) The position set forth herein are hereby given basic annual compensation as follows:

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'Executive Officer of the Election Commission

\$12,000'"

Section 8. The Election Commission as constituted before the effective date of this Act shall cease to exist on February 1, 1973, and the members of the new Commission to be appointed by the Governor shall be appointed simultaneously on or before March 1, 1973.

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