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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AGAÑA, GUAM 96910  
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CARLOS G. CAMACHO  
GOVERNOR

AUG 27 1974



Honorable Florencio T. Ramirez  
Speaker  
Twelfth Guam Legislature  
Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Returned herewith without my approval is Bill No. 864, "An Act to amend Section 2461, Title III of the Government Code of Guam relative to increasing those officers before whom a voter may appear, and for other purposes".

By exempting political parties from the section of law which prohibits a person from spending over \$1,000 for any election, and permitting political parties to spend money for their candidates, Bill No. 864 completely circumvents the intent of the new campaign expenditure limitation law, P.L. 12-144. Bill No. 864 would still limit a candidate's campaign expenditures to one-quarter of the annual salary of the office he seeks, but it would allow his political party could spend an unlimited amount of money on his campaign.

Under the present law, political parties can only spend money "for the operation of a permanent political party headquarters or for general voter registration drives". The purpose of this section of the law is to hold political party expenses to a minimum so that candidate expenses can be easily determined and accounted for. Opening the door for political parties to spend money on their candidates with no restriction makes a mockery of the whole theory of limiting campaign expenses.

The Legislative intent with regard to campaign expenditure limitations was set a short three months ago. If the Legislature now wishes to repeal that intent it may, but the Legislature should at least explain to the public why it is completely reversing its prior position.

Governor Camacho and I are in support of tightening the election laws on spending, not in weakening or destroying them. Accordingly, Bill No. 864 is hereby vetoed.

Sincerely yours,

*Kenneth Meyer*  
ACTING

Enclosure

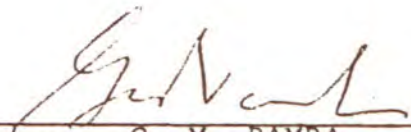
TWELFTH GUAM LEGISLATURE  
1974 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Bill No. 864, "An Act to amend Section 2461, Title III of the Government Code of Guam relative to increasing those officers before whom a voter may appear, and for other purposes", which was heretofore passed and thereafter on August 27, 1974, returned to the Legislature without the approval of the Governor was, in accordance with the Organic Act of Guam, reconsidered by the Legislature and after such reconsideration the Legislature did on the 9th day of September, 1974, agree to pass said bill notwithstanding the objections of the Governor by a vote of more than two-thirds of all the members thereof, to wit: by a vote of 15 members.

  
F. T. RAMIREZ  
Speaker

ATTESTED:

  
G. M. BAMBA  
Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by the Governor this 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of September, 1974 at 11:35 o'clock A.M.

/s/ RICHARD D. MAGEE

RICHARD D. MAGEE, Acting  
Attorney General of Guam

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Bill No. 864

Introduced by

F. G. Lujan  
R. F. Taitano

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 2461, TITLE  
III OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE OF GUAM  
RELATIVE TO INCREASING THOSE OFFICERS  
BEFORE WHOM A VOTER MAY APPEAR, AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

2 Section 1. Section 2461 of the Government Code of Guam  
3 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 "Section 2461. Officers before whom voter may appear.  
5 At any time on or before the day of an election an absent  
6 voter may appear before the Commission, or any person  
7 appointed or designated by the Commission may go to any  
8 voter on Guam if he or she is incapacitated, or any Notary  
9 Public or any officer of the territory of Guam or before  
10 any Notary Public or any officer of any state, territory  
11 or municipality within the United States or in the District  
12 of Columbia, in which he may at the time of receiving  
13 his ballot or any officer of a United States embassy or  
14 consulate authorized to administer oaths, to mark his  
15 ballot."

16 Section 2. Section 2313.1 of the Government Code of Guam  
17 is hereby repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

18 "Section 2313.1. No person shall make, incur, or  
19 contract for expenses in excess of One Thousand Dollars  
20 (\$1,000.00) for any election. This section shall not apply  
21 to:

- 22 (a) A candidate's expenses for his campaign;  
23 (b) A campaign committee's expenses for its candidate's  
24 campaign; and  
25 (c) A political party's expenses for any of its  
26 candidate's campaign."