


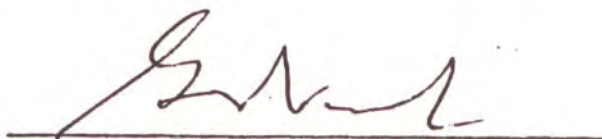
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Bill No. 822, "An Act to repeal Chapter VIII of Title II of the Government Code of Guam and to enact a new Chapter VIII relative to the establishment of a Youth Congress", was on the 9th day of January, 1975, duly and regularly passed.



F. T. RAMIREZ
Speaker

ATTESTED:



G. M. BAMBA
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 13th day
of January, 1975 at 9:15 o'clock 11 .M.

/s/ RICHARD D. MAGEE

RICHARD D. MAGEE, Acting
Attorney General of Guam

APPROVED:

/s/ RICARDO J. BORDALLO

RICARDO J. BORDALLO
Governor of Guam

DATED: JAN 29 1975
4:50 P.m.

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TWELTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
1974 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 822
Substitute by Committee
on Rules

Introduced by C. T. C. Gutierrez

AN ACT TO REPEAL CHAPTER VIII OF TITLE
II OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE OF GUAM AND
TO ENACT A NEW CHAPTER VIII RELATIVE
TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A YOUTH CONGRESS.

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

2 Section 1. Chapter VIII of Title II of the Government Code
3 of Guam is hereby repealed.

4 Section 2. A new Chapter VIII is hereby added to Title II
5 of the Government Code of Guam to read as follows:

6 "CHAPTER VIII -YOUTH CONGRESS

7 Section 1700. Youth Congress. There is within the
8 Legislative branch of the government of Guam, a Youth
9 Congress.

10 Section 1701. Functions. The Youth Congress shall act
11 as a legislative body with the power to make its own rules,
12 establish committees, hold hearings, pass resolutions, and
13 to prepare and pass bills, which will be forwarded to the
14 Rules Committee of the Guam Legislature for action as with
15 a legislative bill.

16 The Youth Congress will represent the Youth of Guam,
17 their desires and aspirations, and will serve as a train-
18 ing and action area for Guam's future leaders.

19 Section 1702. Membership. The Congress shall be
20 composed of not to exceed fifty-one (51) members, to be
21 known as Representatives, to be elected from the areas
22 listed below:

23 1. Village Representation.

24 a. One (1) representative from each organized

1 village with a population below 5,000.

2 b. Two (2) representatives from each village
3 with a population between 5,000 and 10,000.

4 c. Three (3) representatives from each village
5 over 10,000 population.

6 2. School Representation.

7 a. One (1) representative from each private and
8 public junior high school.

9 b. One (1) representative from each private and
10 public senior high school with a student
11 body below 1,000.

12 c. Two (2) representatives from each private and
13 and public senior high school with a
14 student body above 1,000.

15 d. Three (3) representatives from the University
16 of Guam.

17 Section 1703. Eligibility of Representatives and
18 Electorate. No person shall be eligible to vote for a
19 Representative, or sit in the Congress who has not attained
20 the age of fourteen (14) years, who will be twenty-five (25)
21 prior to the expiration of the term for which he seeks
22 to qualify as a voter or as a member, or who has been
23 convicted of a felony or crime involving moral turpitude
24 and has not received a pardon restoring his civil rights.

25 Section 1704. Vacancies. Vacancies occurring in the
26 Congress shall be filled as the Congress shall provide,
27 except that no person filling a vacancy shall hold office
28 longer than for the remainder of the term for which his
29 predecessor was elected.

30 Section 1705. Sessions. Regular sessions of the
31 Congress shall be held each third Saturday of the year

1 exclusive of holidays, commencing the third Saturday in
2 October, and shall continue for one (1) calendar year.
3 Sessions shall be held in the legislative chamber of the
4 Guam Legislature.

5 Section 1706. Elections. General election to the
6 Youth Congress shall be held on the third Monday in
7 September, commencing September, 1975 and each year
8 thereafter. The election for school representatives will
9 be conducted by the school principal of the public or
10 private junior or senior high schools and by the President
11 of the University of Guam at the school which the eligible
12 electorate attend, and at which the electorate are
13 officially enrolled, and each voter shall be entitled to
14 vote by private ballot for the number of candidates allotted
15 their school as is provided in Section 1702 of this Code.
16 The election for village representatives will be conducted
17 by the village commissioner for the eligible electorate
18 residing within the village boundaries, and each voter
19 shall be entitled to vote for the number of candidates
20 allotted his village as is provided in Section 1702 of
21 this Code. The eligible electorate may vote in both the
22 school and village elections.

23 Candidates for election may run as members of a
24 political party or as independents, all such candidates
25 to have received by petition from the eligible youth
26 electorate at least 50 signatures. Names of candidates on
27 ballots shall appear as is provided in Section 2254 of
28 this Code.

29 It shall be the responsibility of the school principal,
30 the President of the University of Guam or the village
31 commissioner to provide forms for petitions, ballots and

1 tally sheets, the necessary ballot boxes, and personnel
2 to supervise the election, count and tally the ballots.

3 Results of the election will be certified by the
4 commissioner, school principal or the President of the
5 University of Guam as appropriate within 3 days after the
6 election to the Secretary of the Guam Legislature, who
7 shall verify the election results, and certify election of
8 members to the Youth Congress.

9 Any disputes resulting from the election shall be
10 resolved by the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the
11 Guam Legislature.

12 Section 1707. Duties. The Congress shall be the
13 judge of the selection and qualification of its own members,
14 It shall choose from its members its own officers,
15 its rules and procedure, not inconsistent with this Chapter
16 or the Rules of the Guam Legislature. The quorum of the
17 Congress shall equal one-half of its elective membership
18 plus one.

19 No bill shall be considered passed unless a majority
20 of its members present and voting indicate by an affirmative
21 vote their desire to do pass.

22 Section 1708. Operations. The Congress is authorized
23 to employ on a part-time basis under contract a basic staff
24 consisting of an Administrative Officer, a legal secretary,
25 attaches including a Legal Counsel, a recording secretary,
26 and a sergeant-at-arms. Additional logistic support,
27 clerical and technical assistance, will be provided by the
28 Guam Legislature and the legislative staff.

29 Section 1709. Compensation. Representatives of
30 Congress shall be compensated at the rate of Ten Dollars
31 (\$10.00) for each regularly weekly meeting they attend."

1 Section 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated
2 from any available funds in the Unappropriated Surplus of the
3 General Fund, such amounts as may be necessary to compensate
4 Congress Representatives, as is provided in Section 1709 of
5 the Government Code of Guam, and the contractual service
6 contracts in Section 1708 of the same Code.