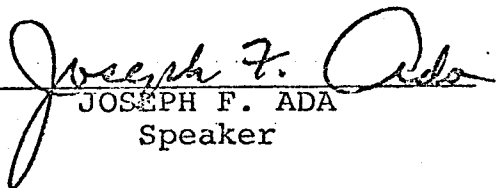THIRTEENTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
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CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 899, "An Act to amend Section 2254 and Section 2920(e) of the Government Code to provide that the names of candidates shall appear on ballots for primary and general elections in an order to be determined by lot", was on the 23rd day of July, 1976, duly and regularly passed.
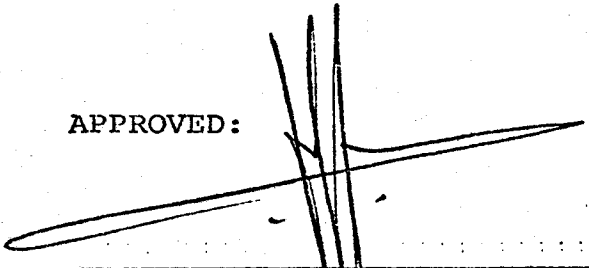
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JOSEPH F. ADA
Speaker

ATTESTED:

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CONCEPCION CRUZ BARRETT
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this _____28th_____ day of
_____July_____, 1976, at _____1:49_____ o'clock _____P_____.M.

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RUTH F. WON PAT
Assistant Staff Officer
Governor's Office

APPROVED:

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RICARDO J. BORDALLO
Governor of Guam

DATED: _____August 2, 1976_____
_____(12:15 PM)_____

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Bill No. 899
Substituted by Author

Introduced by_____
J. F. Ada
F. F. Blas
C. T.C. Gutierrez

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 2254 AND SECTION
2920(e) OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE TO PROVIDE
THAT THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES SHALL APPEAR
ON BALLOTS FOR PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS
IN AN ORDER TO BE DETERMINED BY LOT.

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

Section 1. Section 2254 of the Government Code is amended

to read:

"Section 2254. Order of names on ballot. The

Commission shall prepare the ballot in such a manner that

a nominee's name shall appear under the name of the

political party, if any, sponsoring such nominee.

In all elections, the names of all nominees or

candidates for a specific office shall be listed in a

random manner. Each contestant for any office under a

party or independent designation shall be listed according

to lot drawn by the Election Commission. All drawings for

ballot position shall be done publicly and persons appearing

on the ballot shall be specifically invited to attend. The

drawings for ballot placement shall be accomplished as

soon as is reasonably possible after the identity of the

persons to appear on the ballot is known to the Election

Commission.

The names of the nominees shall appear in columns

vertically in such order as is determined by lot.

Columns for recognized political parties shall be

listed on the basis of the number of nominees elected to

the Legislature at the last preceding regular general

election in descending order from left to right; last

shall appear the names of those nominees not sponsored

by any political party, which shall appear under the

designation 'Independent'. The names of all

nominees holding the office for which they are seeking

election shall have the word 'Incumbent' printed

immediately after them."

Section 2. Section 2920(e) of the Government Code is

amended to read:

"(e) The remaining portion of the ballot shall be

divided into columns, which shall be separated by heavy

ruled lines, which shall be sufficient in number to

provide space for each political party which has quali-

fied for ballot placement. The political

parties shall be listed alphabetically from left to right.

The last column on the right shall be reserved for

the listing of independent candidates who may have quali-

fied for ballot placement. Each column occupied by a

partisian political party shall be headed by the name of

such party and its vignette. Under this heading shall

appear the title of the office being contested and the

names of the candidates seeking nomination thereto.

The order of the offices on the ballot shall be the

same, as near as may be, as is required by law in

making up the ballot used in general elections.

The title of the office shall be immediately above the

names of the candidate or candidates for the nomination

of such office, and under such title the words 'Vote

for not more than,' followed by the word 'one' or 'two'

or such other word as will designate the number of
candidates that may be voted for to complete the list
of nominees.

The names of candidates within a given column shall
be printed in such order as is determined by lot in
accordance with Section 2254 of this Code under the
office for which they are contesting, except that in the
case of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, each
candidate for Governor shall be coupled with his
candidate for Lieutenant Governor, as established by
the candidate for Governor at the time of the filing
of his nomination papers, and there shall be only
one voting square next to each team of Governor and
Lieutenant Governor. The names of the different
candidates shall be separated from each other by a light
ruled line with a square to the left of each name.
The spaces devoted to the candidates for nomination
to different office shall be separated by a heavy ruled
line so as to separate each office division distinctly."

Section 3. Section 30502 of the Government Code of Guam
is hereby amended to read:

"Section 30502. Incorporators. A territorial bank
may be organized by 5 or more individual incorporators.
All incorporators shall be United States citizens and
residents of Guam. Each incorporator shall subscribe
and pay in full in cash for stock having a par value
not less than 1/2% of 1% of the minimum capital and
paid-in surplus requirements. Stock of a territorial
bank may be legally and benefically owned only by
citizens of the United States, citizens of the Northern
Marianas or citizens of the Trust Territory of the
Pacific."