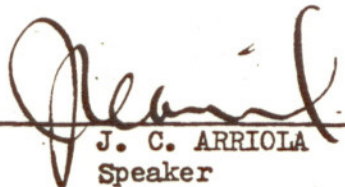


NINTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
1968 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR

This certifies that Bill No. 650, "An Act to call a Special Election for the purpose of ascertaining the views of the voters of Guam upon district representation within the Guam Legislature", was on the 9th day of July, 1968, duly and regularly passed.



J. C. ARRIOLA
Speaker

ATTESTED:



F. T. RAMIREZ
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by the Governor this 7th day
of August, 1968 at 5:21 o'clock P.M.

/s/ Denver Dickerson

Secretary of Guam

APPROVED:

/s/ MANUEL F. L. GUERRERO

GOVERNOR OF GUAM

DATED: August 13, 1968
6:20 p.m.



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Bill No. 650

Introduced by _____
G. M. Bamba

AN ACT TO CALL A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE
PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING THE VIEWS OF THE
VOTERS OF GUAM UPON DISTRICT REPRESENTATION
WITHIN THE GUAM LEGISLATURE.

1 WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States recently amended the Organic
2 Act of Guam to provide that elections to the Guam Legislature could be at large, could
3 be by districts, or could be partly at large or partly by districts, but provided that
4 in the event districts were utilized, the composition of such districts would have to
5 be based on the latest Federal population census of the territory; and

6 WHEREAS, this Federal population census makes no distinction between voters
7 and non-residents who just happen to be physically on the island at the time the census
8 was taken, and thus the largest election districts under the census are Yigo and Santa
9 Rita because of the military bases within each of these districts, although for purposes
10 of local elections neither Yigo or Santa Rita are anywhere close to having the largest
11 number of local voters, and thus if the Federal census be followed, it appears that
12 the results might well be so distorted as to destroy the very purpose of the "one man -
13 one vote" doctrine since a vote in Yigo would count more than a vote in Tamuning; and

14 WHEREAS, this amendment to the Organic Act further provided that the
15 Legislature should act promptly on the three alternatives provided and that whatever
16 action was taken could not be changed until the next Federal census; and

17 WHEREAS, since the Legislature is not at all certain how the interests of the
18 people can best be protected in local elections, but does know that the present system
19 of all candidates running at large has at least the virtue of making everyone's vote
20 count exactly the same; now therefore

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

22 Section 1. There shall be held in Guam a Special Election for the purpose
23 of submitting to the voters of Guam two special questions, as hereinafter set out, to
24 determine the will and desire of the people of Guam thereon. Said Special Election

1 shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday of November,
2 1968, concurrently with the holding of the 1968 General Election, and the
3 Governor shall issue a proclamation calling said Special Election for such
4 date and for such purpose, in accordance with the Election Laws of Guam
5 and the provisions of this Act.

6 Section 2. At said Special Election, each qualified elector
7 shall be given a special ballot, to be prepared and furnished by the Elec-
8 tion Commission, which shall be in substantially the following form:

10 SPECIAL QUESTIONS

11 QUESTION NO. 1

12 (The voter should indicate his preference by placing a
13 cross (X) mark in the square opposite the method of
14 election he prefers.)

15 How shall candidates for election to the Guam Legislature be
16 elected?

17 Run at large

18 Run from districts

19 Some run from districts and some run at large

20 QUESTION NO. 2

21 (To vote for the proposal, place a cross (X) mark in the
22 square opposite the word "YES"; and to vote against the
23 proposal, place a cross (X) mark in the square opposite
24 the word "NO".)

25 If candidates for election to the Guam Legislature are to
26 run from election districts, should the population of such
27 election districts be based upon the Federal population
28 census?

Yes

No

30 Section 3. The Special Election established in this Act shall
31 be conducted in all respects in the same manner as provided by law for other
32 elections, so far as such provisions may be applicable, except that such
33 special ballots shall be kept in separate boxes and canvassed separately.
34 The results of such canvass shall be certified to the Election Commission

1 in similar manner as other election results, and by it duly certified
2 to the Governor.

3 Section 4. This Act is an urgency measure.