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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUB ITEM 3104(A) AND 3105(A) TO CHAPTER 3, AND ADD A NEW SUB ITEM 20007(A) TO CHAPTER 20, AND ADD A NEW SUB ITEM 21007(A) TO CHAPTER 21, ALL OF TITLE 3 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED AND TO ADD A NEW SUB ITEM 2109(A) AND AMEND SUB SECTIONS 2110(A) AND 2111 OF CHAPTER 21, TITLE 1 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE REGISTRATION, EDUCATION CAMPAIGN AND VOTING PROCESS FOR THE PLEBISCITE ON POLITICAL STATUS FOR GUAM.

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

2        **Section 1.** Sub items 3104(a) and 3105(a) are hereby added to Chapter 3, Title  
3        3 Guam Code Annotated:

4        **“§ 3104. Times for Registration.** Ten (10) days prior to any general, primary  
5        or special election, the registration rolls shall be closed for that election and no further  
6        affidavits of registration shall be accepted by the Commission.

7        a) Exception: For the purposes of registering eligible persons to vote on the  
8        plebiscite relative to Guam’s political status, the Commission shall develop a  
9        methodology that will allow a registration process at each of the islands voting  
10       precincts. This process shall coincide with the hours and date of the Primary Election  
11       and General Election of 2012.

12       **§ 3105. Place of Registration.** The registration of electors shall be in progress  
13       at the main office of the Commission during such hours as the office is open for  
14       business at all times prior to the closing of the registration rolls. Electors may also be

1 registered at such times and places within Guam as the Commission shall deem  
2 advisable and convenient from the time registration is open until twenty-one (21) days  
3 prior to an election.

4 a) Exception: For the purposes of registering eligible persons to vote on the  
5 plebiscite relative to Guam’s political status, the Commission shall develop a  
6 methodology that will allow a registration process at each of the islands voting  
7 precincts. This process shall coincide with the hours and date of the Primary Election  
8 and General Election of 2012.”

9 **Section 2.** Sub item 20007(a) is hereby added to Chapter 20, Title 3 Guam  
10 Code Annotated:

11 **“§ 20007. Times for Registration.** A person may register with the Chamorro  
12 Registry at any time during the year except at such times when the Commission shall  
13 close the registration rolls for the purposes of conducting elections or plebiscites. At  
14 such times, the registration rolls shall be closed ten (10) days prior to such election or  
15 plebiscite.

16 a) Exception: For the purposes of registering eligible persons to vote on the  
17 plebiscite relative to Guam’s political status, the Commission shall develop a  
18 methodology that will allow a registration process at each of the islands voting  
19 precincts. This process shall coincide with the hours and date of the Primary Election  
20 and General Election of 2012.”

21 **Section 3.** Sub item 21007(a) is hereby added to Chapter 21, Title 3 Guam  
22 Code Annotated:

23 **“§21007. Times for Registration.** A person may register with the Guam  
24 Decolonization Registry at any time during the year, except at such times when the  
25 Commission shall close the registration rolls for the purposes of conducting the

1 Political Status Plebiscite. At such times the registration rolls shall be closed ten (10)  
2 days prior to such Political Status Plebiscite.

3 a) Exception: For the purposes of registering eligible persons to vote on the  
4 plebiscite relative to Guam’s political status, the Commission shall develop a  
5 methodology that will allow a registration process at each of the islands voting  
6 precincts. This process shall coincide with the hours and date of the Primary Election  
7 and General Election of 2012.”

8 **Section 4.** Sub item 2109(a) is hereby added, sub section 2110(a) is hereby  
9 amended, and sub section 2111 is hereby amended, all of Chapter 21, Title 1 Guam  
10 Code Annotated to read:

11 **“§ 2109. Public Information Program.** The Commission, in conjunction with  
12 the Commission’s task forces shall conduct an extensive public education program,  
13 throughout the island, based on the position papers submitted by each task force.

14 “(a) The University of Guam and the Guam Community College shall be  
15 commissioned to execute an educational campaign for the proposes of fulfilling the  
16 educational outreach provisions of this chapter in order to ensure a successful  
17 plebiscite relative to Guam’s political status determination.

18 **§ 2110. Plebiscite Date and Voting Ballot.**

19 (a) The Guam Election Commission shall conduct a ‘Political Status Plebiscite’,  
20 at which the following question, which shall be printed in both English and  
21 *Chamorro*, shall be asked of the eligible voters:

22 In recognition of your right to self-determination, which of the following  
23 political status options do you favor? (Mark ONLY ONE):

- 24 1. Independence ( )  
25 2. Free Association with the United States of America ( )  
26 3. Statehood ( ).

1           Persons eligible to vote shall include those persons designated as Native  
2 Inhabitants of Guam, as defined within this Chapter of the Guam Code Annotated,  
3 who are eighteen (18) years of age or older on the date of the Political Status  
4 Plebiscite' and are registered voters on Guam.

5           The 'Political Status Plebiscite' mandated in Subsection (a) of this Section shall  
6 be held on a the date of the 2014 General Primary Election ~~at which seventy percent~~  
7 ~~(70%) of~~ by eligible voters, pursuant to this Chapter, have been registered as  
8 determined and conducted by the Guam Election Commission.

9           **§ 2111. Run-Off Plebiscite.** If one political status does not receive the majority  
10 votes cast in the above plebiscite, a run-off plebiscite shall be held ~~sixty (60) days~~  
11 ~~from the date thereof~~ during the date of the 2014 General Election between the two (2)  
12 political status options receiving the highest number of votes.”

13           **Section 5.** Effective Date: This Act shall take effect upon enactment into law.  
14 The Commission shall propose the methodology as contained in provisions of this Act  
15 no later than thirty (30) days after the start of the First (1<sup>st</sup>) Quarter of the 2012  
16 Budget cycle of the Government of Guam.