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AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SUB SECTION 21008.1(A)(B)(C)(D) AND (E) TO CHAPTER 21 OF TITLE 3 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO PROVIDING A MECHANISM TO ENHANCE THE REGISTRATION PROCESS OF THE GUAM DECOLONIZATION REGISTRY BY ENLISTING THE ASSISTANCE OF ALL EMPLOYERS IN GUAM BEGINNING WITH THE EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND THE MAYORS' COUNCIL OF GUAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent: Guam's quest to realize a definitive political relationship with the United States of America is long-overdue.

A host of issues coupled with years of inaction and complacency by certain responsible parties have thwarted sincere efforts to address a final resolution regarding the ability of the people of Guam to exercise their inalienable right to self-determination. Public Law 31-92 calls for the vote and directs that the Guam Election Commission, in consultation with the Commission on Decolonization, finalize a methodology that educates the island community with the end goal of setting a final date to effectuate this exercise.

It is *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* intent to stimulate discussion and enhance the education process regarding a future political status plebiscite to ensure a final date and time is

1 set relative to ensuring a vote occurs regarding the political status wishes of the people
2 of Guam as defined in Chapter 21, Title 1 Guam Code Annotated, by authorizing the
3 creation of an island-wide inter-governmental campaign that broadens the ability and
4 locations of registering persons for the Guam Decolonization Registry as contained in
5 Chapter 21, Title 3 Guam Code Annotated. The Guam Election Commission shall
6 work collaboratively with the leadership of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial
7 Branches of the Government of Guam; and the Mayors' Council of Guam, to
8 effectuate a mechanism in order to realize this enhanced registration process for the
9 Guam Decolonization Registry.

10 **Section 2.** Sub section 21008.1(a)(b)(c)(d) and (e) is hereby added to Chapter
11 21, Title 3 Guam Code Annotated.

12 **“§ 21008.1 Workplace Registration.**

13 The Commission shall coordinate with the leadership of the Executive,
14 Legislative, and Judicial Branches of the government of Guam; and the Mayors'
15 Council of Guam; a uniform method and schedule wherein all government of Guam
16 employees and their dependants may register at the employees respective department,
17 agency, or instrumentality of the government of Guam. The Commission may also
18 develop a plan to include individual civic and business sectors of Guam as registration
19 sites.

20 a) I Maga'Lahen Guahan shall issue an Executive Order to all
21 Department, Agencies, and Instrumentalities of the Government of Guam
22 directing that the Head of each organization or his designee serve as an intra-
23 office or inter-office registration clerk/s for the purposes of effectuating the
24 method and schedule as determined and established by the Commission for the
25 purpose of registering eligible persons for the Guam Decolonization Registry as
26 contained in this Chapter.

1 b) The Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* shall work with all
2 Senatorial Offices and Offices of the Legislature and coordinate through the
3 Committee on Rules or its equivalent, a process to effectuate the method and
4 schedule, as determined and established by the Commission that identifies an
5 intra-office or inter-office registration clerk/s for the purpose of registering
6 eligible persons for the Guam Decolonization Registry as contained in this
7 Chapter.

8 c) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam shall work with
9 the Judicial Council of Guam and the Commission to effectuate the method and
10 schedule as determined and established by the Commission that identifies an
11 intra-office or inter-office registration clerk/s for the purpose of registering
12 eligible persons for the Guam Decolonization Registry as contained in this
13 Chapter.

14 d) The President of the Mayors' Council of Guam shall work with
15 the Council and the Commission to effectuate the method and schedule as
16 determined and established by the Commission that identifies an intra-office or
17 inter-office registration clerk/s for in each of its municipalities for the purpose
18 of registering eligible persons for the Guam Decolonization Registry as
19 contained in this Chapter..

20 e) The Commission may develop a plan of action and education
21 campaign to expand its method of enlisting the support of government agencies
22 in the process of registering eligible persons for the Guam Decolonization
23 Registry to incorporate sectors of the island's civic and business and
24 community in the process of registering eligible persons for the Guam
25 Decolonization Registry."

1 Section 3. Funds allocated to the Guam Election Commission in FY 2012
2 for education regarding political status shall remain with the Guam Election
3 Commission.

4 **Section 4.** Effective Date: this Act shall take effect upon enactment into law.

5 “a) The Guam Election Commission shall submit an inter-government
6 wide education and registry plan that contains the proposed method and
7 target timelines to *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* within sixty (60) days after
8 enactment of this Act. The Commission may also include its plan for
9 enlisting the support of the island’s business community.

10 b) Implementation of the provisions of this Act as contained in
11 §21008.1(a)(b)(c) and (d) shall be in effect within thirty (30) days after
12 the submittal of the method and target timelines of the Commission.”