


*I Mina'Trentai Kuáttro Na Liheslaturan*  
**BILL STATUS**

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170-34 (COR)	Thomas C. Ada	AN ACT TO AMEND § 71101(c) OF CHAPTER 71 OF TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATE, RELATIVE TO DESIGNATING, SPECIFYING, AND DELINEATING THE AREA FOR THE NORTHERN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE SOUTHERN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT.	9/1/17 4:31 p.m.						

***I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**2017 (FIRST) Regular Session**

Bill No. 170-34(LOR)

Introduced by:

Thomas C. Ada 

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GUAM CODE ANNOTATE, RELATIVE TO DESIGNATING,  
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NORTHERN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT AND THE SOUTHERN SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT.**

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

2           **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guáhan* finds  
3 that Public Law 31-125:2 did not define the technical, scientific, and structural  
4 boundaries between the Guam Soil & Water Conservation Districts to help  
5 Northern and Southern Districts provide conservation, development, and prudent  
6 use of soil and water resources.

7           *I Liheslaturan Guáhan* further finds Guam's Water and Environmental  
8 Research Institute of the Western Pacific (WERI) was established at the University  
9 of Guam in May 1975 to expand research interests in water related areas of other  
10 disciplines from meteorology, geology, hydrology, geohydrology, engineering,  
11 environmental toxicology, environmental chemistry, mapping and modeling.

12           *I Liheslaturan Guáhan* further finds the role of the WERI is to facilitate and  
13 conduct high quality research that addresses water problems and water-related  
14 phenomena. The published research project WERI 2007 Geologic Map and  
15 Sections of Guam, Mariana Islands delineates, specify and designates the Northern  
16 and Southern geologic soil make-up of the island of Guam.

17 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* also finds Guam consists of two geologically distinct  
18 parts. Northern Guam is an undulating limestone plateau, and southern Guam is a  
19 rugged volcanic highland with some limestone outliers.

20 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds the Adelup (or Adelup-Pago) fault extends  
21 across the narrow waist of the island and forms the structural boundary between  
22 the northern and southern parts of the island (*USGS Seismic Hazard Assessment*  
23 *for Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands 2012* By Charles S. Mueller, Kathleen  
24 M. Haller, Nicholas Luco, Mark D. Petersen, and Arthur D. Frankel).

25 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* also finds a Northern Soil and Water Conservation  
26 District and a Southern Soil and Water Conservation District was established to  
27 work in partnership with the University of Guam and in cooperation with all  
28 government of Guam entities overseeing local and federal programs established to  
29 promote the conservation, development and the use of soil and water resources of  
30 Guam in order to control and prevent soil erosion and flooding, and to improve  
31 agriculture water management.

32 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* also finds the structural boundaries provided between  
33 northern and southern Guam helps the Districts provide conservation,  
34 development, and prudent use of soil and water resources.

35 **Section 2.** § 71101(c) of Chapter 71, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, is  
36 hereby *amended* to read:

37 “(c) *District* means the Northern Soil and Water Conservation  
38 District and the Southern Soil and Water Conservation District.

39 (1) *Northern Soil and Water Conservation District*, or  
40 *Northern District*, means the area organized pursuant to this Act as  
41 that area covering the northern area of Guam. The “entire” area  
42 designated as Northern Guam by the Water and Environmental  
43 Research Institute of the Western Pacific (WERI), University of

44 Guam as published in the 2007 Geologic Map and Sections of Guam,  
45 Mariana Islands, as amended, with the *Adelup-Pago* fault extending  
46 across the narrow waist of the island and forms the structural  
47 boundary between the northern and southern parts of the island (Map  
48 Attached).

49 (2) *Southern Soil and Water Conservation District*, or  
50 *Southern District*, means the area organized pursuant to this Act as  
51 that area covering the southern area of Guam. The “entire” area  
52 designated as Southern Guam by the Water and Environmental  
53 Research Institute of the Western Pacific (WERI), University of  
54 Guam as published in the 2007 Geologic Map and Sections of Guam,  
55 Mariana Islands, as amended, with the *Adelup-Pago* fault extending  
56 across the narrow waist of the island and forms the structural  
57 boundary between the northern and southern parts of the island (Map  
58 Attached).

59 **Section 3. Severability.** *If any provision of this law or its application to*  
60 *any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, that invalidity*  
61 *shall not* affect other provisions or applications of this law which can be given  
62 effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions  
63 of this law are severable.