

I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
BILL STATUS

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375-35 (COR)	James C. Moylan Therese M. Terlaje	AN ACT TO AMEND § 15201 OF ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 15, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CANCELING THE 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION, AND ALLOWING ALL CANDIDATES TO ADVANCE TO THE GENERAL ELECTION.	7/6/20 8:00 a.m.						

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2020 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 375-35 (COR)

Introduced by:

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds

1 that the 2020 Primary Election shall consist of contests for Mayoral and Vice
2 Mayoral seats in 9 of the 19 villages, and an elimination of one Congressional and
3 Senatorial candidate. With the COVID-19 pandemic still a concerning public health
4 issue, it is vital that the government of Guam seek all options in terms of minimizing
5 large social gatherings and reducing the exposure of the disease. While no one can
6 discount the fundamental rights and importance in holding elections, by canceling
7 the 2020 Primary Election, all candidates and contests would advance to the General
8 Election in November of this year, providing the government of Guam the additional
9 time to plan and implement safety measures. Further, this Act would save the
10 government of Guam an estimated \$350,000 and is for the cancelation of just the
11 2020 Primary Election.
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1 **Section 2.** § 15201 of Article 2, Chapter 15, Title 3, Guam Code Annotated
2 is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

3 **§ 15201. Primary Date.**

4 The primary shall be conducted at the polling place or places determined by
5 the Election Commission in each district on the last Saturday of August in every
6 even-numbered year. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, the primary
7 election shall be canceled for the year 2020, and all qualified candidates for the
8 primary shall advance to the general election.

9 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any
10 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity *shall*
11 *not* affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without
12 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are
13 severable.

14 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective, immediately upon
15 enactment.