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AN ACT TO AMEND §40110 (a) AND (b) OF CHAPTER 40, TITLE 5 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO THE FILLING OF VACANCIES FOR MAYORS AND VICE MAYORS.



- **Section 1.** §40110 (a) of Chapter 40 of Title 5 of the Guam Code Antifotated is hereby *amended* to read as follows:
- 3 "§40110. Vacancies. (a) Vice-Mayors. A vacancy in the office of 4 the Vice-Mayor shall be filled for the unexpired term until at the next general 5 election for Mayors and Vice-Mayors. The vacancy shall be filled by the 6 Governor by appointment after soliciting the non-binding recommendations of 7 the Municipal Planning Council of the municipality in which the vacancy 8 occurs, subject to the advice and consent of the Legislature.
 - **Section 2.** §40110 (b) of Chapter 40 of Title 5 of the Guam Code Annotated is hereby *amended* to read as follows:
 - **(b) Mayors.** If by reason of death, resignation, removal from office, inability or failure to perform, there shall be a vacancy in the office of the Mayor, it shall be filled for the unexpired term <u>until</u> at the next general election <u>for Mayors and Vice-Mayors</u>. The vacancy shall be filled by the Governor by appointment after soliciting the non-binding recommendations of

the Municipal Planning Council of the municipality in which the vacancy occurred, subject to the advice and consent of the Legislature; provided, however, that in a municipality where there is a Vice-Mayor, the Vice-Mayor shall automatically assume the position of Mayor and there shall be a vacancy in the position of Vice-Mayor."

Section 2. Severability. *If* any provision of this law or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall *not* affect other provisions or applications of this law which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions of this law are severable.