

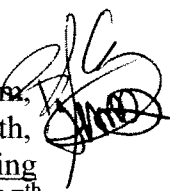
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Committee on Tourism,  
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At the request of the 27<sup>th</sup>  
Guam Youth Congress



**AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT CHAPTER 7, TITLE 2 OF  
THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; RELATIVE TO THE GUAM  
YOUTH SENATE.**

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

**Section 1.** Chapter 7, Title 2 of the Guam Code Annotated is repealed and reenacted to  
read:

**Chapter 7  
Guam Youth Senate**

- § 7101. Youth Senate.
- § 7102. Functions.
- § 7103. Membership.
- § 7104. Eligibility of Representatives and Electorate.
- § 7105. Vacancies.
- § 7106. Sessions.
- § 7107. Elections.
- § 7107.1. Term of Office.
- § 7108. Duties.
- § 7109. Office of the Youth Congress.
- § 7109.1. Budget of the Youth Senate and the Office of the Youth Senate.
- § 7110. Stipends.
- § 7111. Annual address by the Speaker of the Youth Senate.

1           **§ 7101.           Youth Senate.**

2           There is within the Legislative Branch of the government of Guam, a Youth Senate.

3           **§ 7102.           Functions.**

4           The Youth Senate shall act as a legislative body with the power to make its own rules,  
5 hold hearings, pass resolutions, and to prepare and to pass bills which will be forwarded to  
6 the Rules Committee of the Guam Legislature for action as with a legislative bill.

7           The Youth Senate shall be the highest public youth body in Guam, and shall represent  
8 the Youth of Guam, their desires and aspirations, and will serve as a training and action area  
9 for Guam's future leaders.

10          **§ 7103.           Membership.**

11          The Senate shall be composed of not to exceed twenty-five (25) members, to be  
12 known as Youth Senators, to be elected from the areas listed below:

13           1. District Representation

14               a. Eight (9) representatives from Northern Guam: (Dededo, Yigo, and  
15 Mangilao).

16               b. Seven (7) representatives from Central Guam: (Tamuning, Ordot-Chalan  
17 Pago, Sinajana, Barrigada, Hagatna, and Agana Heights).

18               c. Seven (7) representatives from Southern Guam: (Asan, Piti, Yona, Santa  
19 Rita, Agat, Santa Rita, Umatac, Merizo, Inarajan, and Talofoyo).

20           Each district shall gain one (1) representative for every five-hundred (500)  
21 residents beginning in the Census 2020 and thereafter.

22           2. School Representation

23               a. One (1) representatives from the University of Guam.

24               b. One (1) representative from the Guam Community College.

25          **§ 7104.           Eligibility of Representatives and Electorate.**

26          No person *shall* be eligible to vote for a Representative, *or* sit in the Senate who *has*  
27 *not* attained the age of fourteen (14) years of age *prior* to the inauguration of the Youth  
28 Senate or entered high school as a freshman *or* who will be twenty-five (25) *prior* to the  
29 expiration of the term for which he seeks to qualify as a voter or as a member, *or* who has  
30 been convicted of a felony *or* crime involving moral turpitude and *has not* received a pardon  
31 restoring his civil rights.

1           **§ 7105.           Vacancies.**

2           In case of a vacancy occurring more than six (6) months from the next Youth  
3 Congress election, the Speaker of the Youth Congress shall appoint a youth of Guam who is  
4 of the same political party as the representative who has vacated the seat to assume the  
5 position. Such appointment shall be confirmed by a majority vote of the Guam Youth Senate.  
6 Any vacancy occurring less than six (6) months from the next Youth Congress election shall  
7 remain vacant until filled at the election.

8           **§ 7106.           Sessions.**

9           Regular sessions of the Senate shall be held each second Saturday of the year  
10 exclusive of holidays, commencing the second Saturday of November and shall continue for  
11 Two (2) calendar years. Sessions shall be held in the legislative chamber of the Guam  
12 Legislature, or if the chamber is unavailable, shall be held at a suitable location to be  
13 determined by the Speaker of the Youth Senate and the Chairperson of the Committee on  
14 Rules of the Youth Senate.

15           **§ 7107.           Elections.**

16           General election to the Youth Senate shall be held on the third Monday in October  
17 commencing October, 2010 and every two (2) years thereafter. The elections for Youth  
18 Senators shall be conducted by the Office of the Youth Senate. Each voter shall be entitled to  
19 vote by private ballot for the number of representatives allotted as is provided in § 7103 of  
20 this Code.

21           The dates for filing for candidacy for the Youth Senate shall begin twenty (20) days  
22 prior to the Youth Senate election and shall conclude ten (10) days prior to the election.

23           Candidates for election may file to run as members of a political party or as  
24 independents, all such candidates to have received by petition from the eligible youth  
25 electorate of their districts at least thirty-five (35) signatures. Names of candidates who are  
26 certified by the Office of the Youth Senate shall appear in media at no later than one (1)  
27 week prior to the Youth Senate elections.

28           It shall be the responsibility of the Office of the Youth Senate to provide forms for  
29 petitions, to certify signatures on the petitions, to release the names of all candidates certified  
30 to run for the Youth Senate, to select polling sites across the island, to provide ballots, ballot  
31 boxes, and personnel to supervise the elections, and to count and tally the ballots.

1 Results of the election will be verified and certified by the Director of the Office of  
2 the Youth Senate within three (3) days of after the election to the Secretary of the Guam  
3 Legislature, who shall certify election of members to the Youth Senate.

4 Any disputes resulting from the election shall be resolved by the Chairperson of the  
5 Committee on Rules of the outgoing Guam Youth Senate.

6 **§ 7107.1 Term of Office.**

7 Members of the Youth Senate shall be elected for a term of two (2) years with the  
8 exception of a member who is appointed to fill a vacancy, the term of which will expire on  
9 the next general election for the Youth Senate.

10 **§ 7108. Duties.**

11 The Senate shall be the judge of the selection and qualification of its own members. It  
12 shall choose from its members its own officers, its rules and procedures, not inconsistent with  
13 this Chapter. The quorum of the Senate shall equal one-half of its elective membership plus  
14 one.

15 No bill shall be considered passed unless a majority of its members present and  
16 voting indicate by an affirmative vote their desire to do pass.

17 **§ 7109. Office of the Youth Senate.**

18 There shall be under the Guam Youth Senate, an Office of the Youth Senate,  
19 administered by a Director appointed jointly by the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
20 of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the Speaker of the Youth Senate for a term of two years. The  
21 Office shall coordinate all administrative and logistical needs of the Youth Senate, as well as  
22 to coordinate Youth Senate elections.

23 The Director shall oversee the Administrative Officer of the Youth Senate, the Clerk  
24 of the Youth Senate, and the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Youth Senate; and shall coordinate any  
25 activities between the Youth Senate and other organizations at the direction of the Speaker of  
26 the Youth Senate.

27 **§ 7109.1. Budget of the Youth Senate and the Office of the Youth Senate.**

28 The budget of the Youth Senate and the Office of the Youth Senate shall equal to fifty  
29 percent (50%) of the Office of Finance and Budget.

30 **§ 7109.2. Personnel.**

1           The Office of the Youth Senate is authorized to employ on a part time basis an  
2 Administrative Officer, a Clerk, and a Sergeant-at-Arms to assist the Director of the Office of  
3 the Youth Senate.

4       **§ 7110.       Stipends.**

5           Youth Senators shall be compensated at the rate of Fifty Dollars (\$50) for each  
6 regularly monthly or special session they attend. The Youth Senate Vice Speaker and  
7 Legislative Secretary shall receive Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75) for each regularly monthly or  
8 special session they attend. The Youth Senate Speaker shall receive One-Hundred dollars  
9 (\$100) for every regularly monthly or special session he/she attend.

10       **§ 7111.       Annual address by the Speaker of the Youth Senate.**

11           The Speaker of the Youth Senate shall deliver an address to the members of the  
12 Guam Youth Senate, the Guam Legislature, the Governor of Guam, and all other public  
13 leaders to identify the concerns of the youth of Guam and to what the Youth Senate shall be  
14 addressing during its term. The address shall be delivered on the second Monday in  
15 December at the Legislative Session Hall.