

**I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2009 (FIRST) Regular Session**

Resolution No. 237-30(LS)

Introduced by:

Committee on Rules

RELATIVE TO AMENDING RULE XXIX, CODE OF ETHICS AND STANDARDS FOR THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, SECTION 29.04.03, POWERS, SUBSECTION (ii), AND FORWARDING THIS RULES RESOLUTION TO THE FULL LEGISLATURE FOR RATIFICATION.

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'**
2 **TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Subsection (ii), Section 29.04.03, Rule XXIX
4 of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Standing Rules, the requirement for *I Liheslatura*
5 to adopt a recommendation of the Committee on Ethics and Standards is
6 by unanimous vote, excluding the subject Member, specifically:

7 “(ii) *I Liheslaturan Guåhan may by a unanimous vote of the Membership,*
8 *other than the subject Member, if applicable, adopt the recommendation of*
9 *the Committee on Ethics and Standards or take any other disciplinary*
10 *action(s) it deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, reprimand,*
11 *suspension or discharge of employees, and in the case of members,*
12 *disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, censure, suspension or*
13 *discharge;”*

14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, prior to the 25th Legislature, *I Liheslatura's* membership
16 consisted of twenty-one (21) members, and Standing Rules of Legislatures

1 prior to the 25th did not require more than fourteen (14) votes (2/3 of the
2 body) to take any action; and

3 **WHEREAS**, when legislative membership was reduced to fifteen (15)
4 Members beginning with the 25th Legislature, this fourteen (14) vote
5 requirement was not concurrently reduced, and is currently contained in
6 Subsection (ii), Section 29.04.03, Rule XXIX; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Committee on Rules, through the passage of this
8 Rules Resolution, believes that the logic behind the fourteen (14) vote
9 requirement for said rule, specifically a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of 21
10 members, is correct and appropriate, and desires to amend our standing
11 rules to reflect this line of reasoning and adopt the two-thirds (2/3) rule;
12 now, therefore, be it

13 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules, on behalf of *I Mina' Trenta*
14 *Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby amend Subsection (ii), Section 29.04.03,
15 Rule XXIX of the *I Liheslaturan Guahan's* Standing Rules, as follows:

16 *“(ii) I Liheslaturan Guahan may by ten (10) votes, ~~a unanimous vote~~
17 ~~of the Membership~~, other than the subject Member, if applicable, adopt
18 the recommendation of the Committee on Ethics and Standards or
19 take any other disciplinary action(s) it deems appropriate, including,
20 but not limited to, reprimand, suspension or discharge of employees,
21 and in the case of Members, disciplinary action, including, but not
22 limited to, censure, suspension or discharge;”*

23 and be it further

24 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules, on behalf of *I Mina' Trenta*
25 *Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does recommend this change to be immediately
26 ratified by the Full Body of the Legislature, and be it further

27 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee
28 on Rules certify, and the Secretary of *I Liheslaturan* attest to the adoption

1 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Full
2 Body of I Liheslaturan Guahan for ratification; and to the Honorable Felix
3 P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guahan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON
RULES OF I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN ON THE
_____ DAY OF _____ 2009.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Senator and
Legislative Secretary

RORY J. RESPICIO
Senator and Chairman,
Committee on Rules