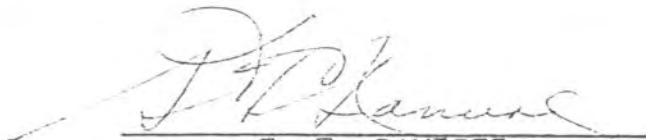


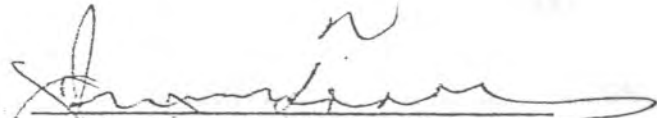
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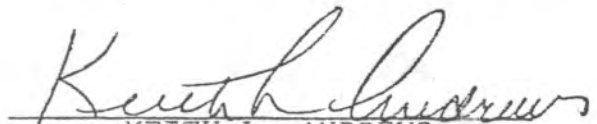
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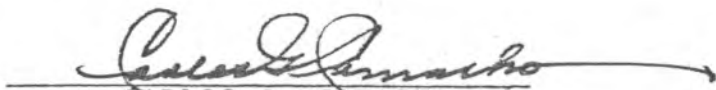
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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMISSION  
TO REVIEW THE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE  
TERRITORY OF GUAM.

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

2 Section 1. Legislative findings. The Legislature finds:

3 1. That the future political status of the United  
4 States unincorporated territory of Guam requires a  
5 substantial review in order to determine the appro-  
6 priate political status for the people of Guam;

7 2. That Guam's status as an unincorporated territory  
8 of the United States may or may not be in accordance  
9 with the desires of the people of Guam;

10 3. That a substantial number of political freedoms  
11 have been recently granted to Guam including the right  
12 to elect a non-voting delegate to the United States House  
13 of Representatives; but that other political rights of  
14 United States citizens such as the right to elect the  
15 President of the United States have been denied to the  
16 people of Guam;

17 4. That there are various alternatives open to the  
18 people of Guam with respect to their future political

1 status including incorporated territory, statehood, in-  
2 dependence, affiliation with another nation, common-  
3 wealth, and disassociated free state, all of which  
4 this Legislature is of the consensus should be reviewed  
5 by a special commission.

6 Section 2. Members of Commission: Qualifications and  
7 numbers thereof. The Political Status Commission shall be  
8 composed of nine (9) commissioners. Each commissioner shall be  
9 a member of the Legislature, six (6) of whom shall be  
10 members of the majority party within the Legislature, and  
11 three (3) of whom shall be members of the minority party.  
12 The Speaker of the Legislature shall appoint the majority  
13 members and the Minority Leader the minority members.

14 Section 3. Purposes of Commission. The Commission shall  
15 be established for the following purposes:

16 1. To study and review the present political  
17 status of the territory of Guam;

18 2. To determine by public hearings and review  
19 the future political status desired by the people of  
20 the territory and to make the necessary recommendations  
21 to make such a desire possible;

22 3. To specifically study the following alterna-  
23 tives for the future political status of Guam:

24 (a) Incorporated territory

25 (b) Statehood

26 (c) Independence

27 (d) Affiliation with another nation

28 (e) Commonwealth or associated free state

29 (f) Unincorporated territory

30 4. To present this Legislature with a plan and  
31 proposal for the implementation of the political status  
32 desired by the people of this territory.

1           5. To review and determine the political economic  
2           and social benefits and detriments in implementing  
3           the results of the report of the commission.

4           Section 4. Organizational meeting. The Speaker shall call  
5           the first meeting of the Political Status Commission, which  
6           meeting shall be held June 1, 1973, and shall devote itself to  
7           organizing the Commission, the commissioners to adopt rules  
8           of order governing their procedure and to elect a chairman  
9           from within their number, the Speaker initially to preside at  
10          such organizational meeting until the commissioners have  
11          elected their chairman.

12          Section 5. Report to the Legislature. The Political Status  
13          Commission shall within one (1) year from June 1, 1973 report  
14          to the Legislature with the results of its study.

15          Section 6. Authorization for appropriation. There is  
16          hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of One Hundred  
17          Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for the operation of the  
18          Political Status Commission.