## I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan BILL STATUS

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

2 Section 1. § 15201 of Chapter 15, Title 3, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby

3 *amended* to read as follows:

- 4 § 15201. Primary Date.
- 5 The primary *shall* be conducted at the polling place or places determined by

6 the Election Commission in each district on the first last Saturday of August in

- 7 every even-numbered year.
- 8 Section 2. § 15206 of Chapter 15, Title 3, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby
  9 *amended* to read as follows:
- 10 § 15206. Time for Filing Nomination Papers; Fees.

Nomination papers *shall* be filed with the Commission at least <u>ninety (90)</u>
sixty (60) days but not earlier than one hundred <u>sixty (160)</u> thirty (130) days prior
to the day for holding the primary. There shall be deposited with each nomination a
fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) on account of the expenses attending the
holding of the primary, which shall be paid into the Treasury of Guam. Upon
receipt at the office of the Commission of a nomination of a candidate, the day,
hour, and minute when it was received shall be endorsed thereon.

8 Section 3. § 6108 of Chapter 6, Title 3, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby
9 amended to read as follows:

10 § 6108. Filing of Nominating Petitions.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, candidates for *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, offices of *I Maga 'lahen Guåhan* [Governor] and *Segundu Na Maga 'lahen Guåhan* [Lieutenant Governor], Washington Representative, Mayor and ViceMayor, the Public Auditor and the Attorney General *shall* file their nomination
petition papers and all other required documents with the Commission no earlier
than one hundred <u>sixty (160)</u> thirty (130) days before the primary election, and no
later than <u>ninety (90)</u> sixty (60) days before the primary election.

18 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, candidates for the Guam 19 Education Board and the Consolidated Commission on Utilities *shall* file their 20 declarations of candidacy with the Commission no earlier than one hundred <u>sixty</u> 21 (160) thirty (130) days before the general election, and no later than <u>ninety (90)</u> 22 sixty (60) days before the general election.

The Commission *shall* publish in a newspaper of general circulation the names of all candidates and the offices for which they have declared their candidacy after each filing deadline.

Section 4. § 3104 of Chapter 3, Title 3, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby
 *amended* to read as follows:

1 § 3104. Times for Registration.

<u>Twenty-one (21)</u> Ten (10) days prior to any election, the registration rolls *shall* be closed, and no further affidavits of registration *shall* be accepted by the
Commission.

Section 5. § 3105 of Chapter 3, Title 3, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby
 *amended* to read as follows:

## 7 § 3105. Place of Registration.

8 The registration of electors shall be in progress at all times at the main office 9 of the Commission during such hours as the office is open for business until the 10 closing of the registration rolls. Electors may also be registered at such times and 11 places within Guam as the Commission shall deem advisable and convenient from 12 the time registration is open until <u>twenty-one (21)</u> ten (10) days prior to an 13 election.

Section 6. A new § 3102.1(g) is hereby *added* to Chapter 3 of Title 3, Guam
Code Annotated, to read as follows:

"(g) Electors may be registered electronically in accordance with this
 Section from the time the registration is open until twenty-one (21) days
 prior to an election."

Section 7. A new § 3101.3(h) is hereby *added* to Chapter 3 of Title 16,
Guam Code Annotated, to read as follows:

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"(h) Electors may be registered in accordance with this Section from the time registration is open until twenty-one (21) days prior to an election."

Section 8. Severability. If any provision of this Act 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 Act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable. Section 9. Effective Date. The act *shall* be effective immediately upon
 enactment.