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| 174-36  | James C. Moylan, Joe S. San Agustin | **AN ACT TO AMEND §§ 15201 AND § 15206 OF CHAPTER 15, §§ 3104 AND § 3105 OF CHAPTER 3, AND § 6108 OF CHAPTER 6, ALL FROM TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; TO ADD § 3102.1(g) TO CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO ADDRESS ELECTION RELATED TIMELINES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PRIMARY ELECTION, NOMINATION PETITIONS, AND VOTER REGISTRATION.** | 8/6/21, 2:36 p.m. |               |               |                   |                          |              |       |
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Bill No. 174-36 (LS)

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. § 15201 of Chapter 15, Title 3, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 15201. Primary Date.

The primary shall be conducted at the polling place or places determined by the Election Commission in each district on the first last Saturday of August in every even-numbered year.

Section 2. § 15206 of Chapter 15, Title 3, Guam Code Annotated, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 15206. Time for Filing Nomination Papers; Fees.
Nomination papers shall be filed with the Commission at least ninety (90) sixty (60) days but not earlier than one hundred sixty (160) thirty (30) 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.

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

§ 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 Vice-Mayor, 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 sixty (160) thirty (30) days before the primary election, and no later than ninety (90) sixty (60) days before the primary election.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, candidates for the Guam Education Board and the Consolidated Commission on Utilities shall file their declarations of candidacy with the Commission no earlier than one hundred sixty (160) thirty (30) days before the general election, and no later than ninety (90) 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:
§ 3104. Times for Registration.

Twenty-one (21) 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:

§ 3105. Place of Registration.

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

“(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.
1  Section 9. Effective Date. The act *shall* be effective immediately upon
2  enactment.