

*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Lihelaturan Guåhan*  
**BILL STATUS**

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	FISCAL NOTES	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
95-37 (COR)	Roy A. B. Quinata	AN ACT TO REPEAL § 1107 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED; AND TO REPEAL ALL OF CHAPTER 15, TITLE 3, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REMOVING THE PRIMARY ELECTIONS OF ITS ENTIRETY.	4/11/23 4:21 p.m.	4/14/23	Committee on General Government Operations and Appropriations	Request: 4/14/23  4/24/23			



## COMMITTEE ON RULES

Senator Chris Barnett, Chairperson  
*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

April 24, 2023

**To:** **Joaquin P. Taitague**  
Substitute Clerk of the Legislature

**From:** **Senator Chris Barnett**   
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

**Subject:** **Fiscal Note for Bill No. 95-37 (COR)**

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*Håfa Adai yan Biba Guåhan!*

Find the attached, Fiscal Note for the following bill:

**Bill No. 95-37 (COR).**

I also request that the same be sent to the respective Chairperson of the Standing Committee, to which this bill has been referred. Kindly forward the same to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.



**Bureau of Budget & Management Research**  
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**Department/Agency Appropriation Information**

Dept./Agency Affected: Guam Election Commission (GEC)	Dept./Agency Head: Maria Pangelinan, Executive Director
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	\$2,326,726
Department's Other Fund appropriation(s) to date:	\$0
<b>Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:</b>	<b>\$2,326,726</b>

**Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation**

	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2022 Unreserved Fund Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2023 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2023 Appropriations (P.L. 36-107)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill**

	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2023 (if applicable)	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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| 1. Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions?<br>If Yes, see attachment   |            | / / Yes                       | / X / No                       |
| 2. Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation?<br>If no, what is the additional amount required?   | / X / N/A  | / / Yes                       | / / No                         |
| 3. Does the Bill establish a new program/agency?<br>If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies?<br>Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? | / X / N/A  | / / Yes<br>/ / Yes<br>/ / Yes | / X / No<br>/ / No<br>/ X / No |
| 4. Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities?   |            | / / Yes                       | / X / No                       |
| 5. Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept/agency? If no, indicate reason:<br>/ / Requested agency comments not received by due date                                   | / / Other: | / X / Yes                     | / / No                         |

Analyst:  Date: <u>4/21/23</u>	Director:  Date: <u>APR 21 2023</u>
Arthur R. Mariano, B&MA Supervisor	Lester L. Carlson, Jr.

**Footnote(s):**  
 1/: In its current form, the subject legislation proposes to repeal § 1107 of Chapter 1, Title 3, Guam Code Annotated (GCA) and Chapter 15, Title 3, GCA essentially eliminating Guam Primary Elections. Based on information provided by the Guam Election Commission, doing so has the potential to save the Government of Guam approximately eight hundred sixty-eight thousand dollars (\$868,000) inclusive of costs for operating the vote center (\$553,000) and for the island-wide election (\$315,000). Per the GEC, the estimated personnel cost for the vote center did not factor in the 22% General Pay Plan pay adjustments recently authorized by Governor Leon Guerrero. As such, the potential cost savings may be higher than reflected. Lastly, the GEC has indicated that "due to the majority vote requirement, the cancellation of a primary election increases the likelihood of a runoff election (conducted island-wide with a vote center) for Governor and Delegate offices."