

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

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81-37 (LS) As amended on the Floor.	Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas Telo T. Taitague Thomas J. Fisher Jesse A. Lujan William A. Parkinson Roy A. B. Quinata Joanne Brown Chris Barnett Christopher M. Dueñas Tina Rose Muña Barnes	AN ACT TO AMEND §40111 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 40, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S COUNCIL OF GUAM TO SELECT THE TIME AND DATE OF THEIR OATHTAKING CEREMONY.	3/22/23 8:43 a.m.	3/24/23	Committee on Emergency Response, Military and Veteran Affairs, Border Safety and Mayors Council	Request: 3/24/23  Waiver: 3/31/23	9/19/23 2:00 p.m.	12/7/23 10:15 a.m.	
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	2/19/24	AN ACT TO AMEND § 40111 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 40, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE MAYORS COUNCIL OF GUAM TO SELECT THE TIME AND DATE OF THE OATHTAKING AND INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE MAYORS AND VICE MAYORS OF GUAM.	2/23/24	2/23/24	3/6/24	37-68	3/6/24	Received: 3/6/24 Mess and Comm. Doc. No. 37GL-24-1735	

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March 6, 2024

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*Speaker, I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature  
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**Re: Bill No. 81-37 (LS) - AN ACT TO AMEND § 40111 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 40, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE MAYORS COUNCIL OF GUAM TO SELECT THE TIME AND DATE OF THE OATH TAKING AND INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE MAYORS AND VICE MAYORS OF GUAM**

*Håfa Adai* Madam Speaker,

Bill No. 81-37 (LS) clarifies when the terms of mayors and vice-mayors commence and expire, providing that their terms shall begin on the first Monday in January following their election and upon the taking of the oath. Their terms shall expire on the first Monday in January following the next regular general election of mayors and vice-mayors after the incoming mayor and vice-mayor take their oath of office.

This change in language allows the Mayors Council of Guam (“MCOG”) to choose the time for the inauguration ceremony and oath-taking of mayors and vice-mayors on the first Monday of January following the general election. This will provide the MCOG with greater flexibility when organizing this event.

For these reasons, I sign Bill No. 81-37 (LS) into law as **Public Law 37-68**.

*Senseramente,*

**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**  
*Maga'hågan Guåhan*  
Governor of Guam



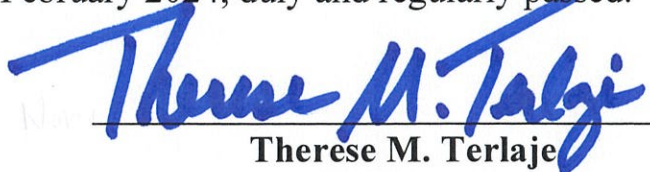
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cc via email: The *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam  
Compiler of Laws

*I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN*

This is to certify that **Bill No. 81-37 (LS)**, “AN ACT TO AMEND § 40111 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 40, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE MAYORS COUNCIL OF GUAM TO SELECT THE TIME AND DATE OF THE OATHTAKING AND INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE MAYORS AND VICE MAYORS OF GUAM,” was on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2024, duly and regularly passed.

  
Therese M. Terlaje  
Speaker

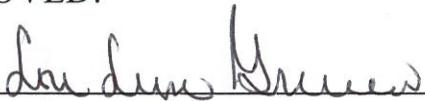
Attested:

  
Amanda L. Shelton  
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 23<sup>RD</sup> day of FEB,  
2024, at 6:49 o'clock P.M.

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APPROVED:

  
Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero  
*I Maga'hågan Guåhan*

Date: 3/6/2024

Public Law No. 37-68

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***IMINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2023 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 81-37 (LS)**

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO *AMEND* § 40111 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 40, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE MAYORS COUNCIL OF GUAM TO SELECT THE TIME AND DATE OF THE OATH TAKING AND INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE MAYORS AND VICE MAYORS OF GUAM.**

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

2       **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
3 that because the oath-taking and inauguration ceremony of the Mayors and Vice  
4 Mayors of *Guåhan* have to be conducted at the commencement of their term of  
5 office, some of their family members and friends find it difficult to participate in this

1 important ceremony. This is because the commencement of the Mayors' and Vice  
2 Mayors' terms of office are held on Mondays, a day in which many family members  
3 and friends of these elected officials are scheduled to work. Many of the Mayors and  
4 Vice Mayors family members and friends are unable to miss a day of work to  
5 participate in the formal ceremony, forcing them to miss an important day for their  
6 beloved elected officials. Allowing the Mayors Council of Guam to select the time  
7 and date of their inauguration ceremony will allow them to choose a more convenient  
8 time for them, their friends, and their family members.

9 Therefore, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* intends to allow the Mayors Council of  
10 Guam to select the time and date for their inauguration, allowing them to choose a  
11 more convenient time for their family members and friends.

12 **Section 2.** § 40111(a) of Article 1, Chapter 40, Title 5, Guam Code  
13 Annotated, is hereby *amended* to read as follows:

14 **“§ 40111. Term of office; Commencement.**

15 (a) The term of office of Mayors and Vice-Mayors shall  
16 commence on the first Monday in January following their election and  
17 upon the taking of the Oath of Office, and shall expire on the first  
18 Monday in January following the next regular general election of  
19 Mayors and Vice-Mayors and upon the taking of the Oath of Office of  
20 the incoming Mayor and Vice-Mayor.

21 (b) Ceremony. The Oaths of Office shall be taken by the  
22 respective Mayors and Vice Mayors at the time their terms commence  
23 and the Executive Director of the Mayors Council (the Council) shall  
24 organize a suitable ceremony at which such oaths of office shall be  
25 administered by a Judge of the Superior Court or an outgoing Mayor or  
26 Vice Mayor. The Council shall determine the site of such ceremony and  
27 is authorized to expend thereon not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand

1           Dollars (\$25,000.00) from its annual budget. The Council (or its  
2           authorized representative) is hereby authorized to solicit monetary and  
3           in-kind donations for the purposes of defraying the cost of the  
4           ceremony.”

5           **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any  
6           person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not  
7           affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without  
8           the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are  
9           severable.

10          **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.