



ROTA LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
SIXTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION, 2008

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 16-04
Rota Local Law *No.16-4*

A LOCAL BILL FOR AN ACT
FOR THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT

To amend Title 10, Division 1 to add a new chapter regarding Acting Mayor and Acting Chairperson of Rota Municipal Council; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH
CODE:

1 Section 1. Findings and Purpose. The First Senatorial District Delegation finds that
2 under current law, the Mayor of Rota has the authority to appoint whomever he deems fit to
3 serve as acting mayor when the Mayor is to be physically absent from the First Senatorial
4 District. The First Senatorial District Delegation, however, deems it more appropriate that
5 this important position be filled by a member of the Municipal Council given that they are
6 also elected officials of the municipality. It is also appropriate that the acting chairmanship
7 of the Municipal Council be established. It is, therefore, the purpose of this Act to designate
8 guidelines for the designation of an Acting Mayor and acting chairperson of the Municipal
9 Council for the First Senatorial District.

10 Section 2. Title 10, Division 1 is amended by adding a new chapter as follows:

11 " Chapter . Acting Mayor; Acting Chairperson of Municipal Council.

12 "Article 1. Rota Acting Mayor.

1 "§ 1. **Short Title.** This article shall be known and be cited as the 'Rota Acting
2 Mayor and Municipal Council Acting Chairperson Act of 2008.'

3 "§ 2. **Acting Mayor.** Whenever the Mayor of Rota is to be physically absent
4 from the First Senatorial District, the chairperson of the Rota Municipal
5 Council shall be Acting Mayor. If the chairperson is also absent, then the
6 vice-chairperson shall be Acting Mayor. In the event that both the
7 chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Municipal Council are absent, then
8 the remaining council member shall be the Acting Mayor. In the event that
9 all members of the Municipal Council are absent, then the Mayor shall
10 designate who shall be the Acting Mayor to carry out the duties of the office
11 of mayor until the Mayor or any member of the Municipal Council
12 physically returns.

13 **Article 2. Municipal Council Acting Chairperson.** Whenever the chairperson of
14 the Municipal Council is to be physically absent from the First Senatorial
15 District of Rota Island, the vice- chairperson of the Municipal Council shall
16 be the Acting Chairperson of the Municipal Council. If the vice-
17 chairperson is also absent, then the remaining council member shall be the
18 Acting Chairperson of the Municipal Council. In the event that all members
19 of the Municipal Council are absent, then the chairperson of the Municipal
20 Council shall designate who shall be the Acting Chairperson until any
21 member of the Municipal Council physically returns."

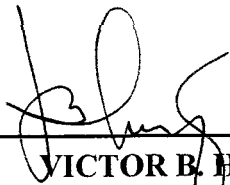
22 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such
23 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
24 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
25 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

26 **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be
27 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
28 repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers


1 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law.
2 The enactment of this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying,
3 any liability civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence at the date this Act becomes
4 effective.

5 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
6 Governor, or becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

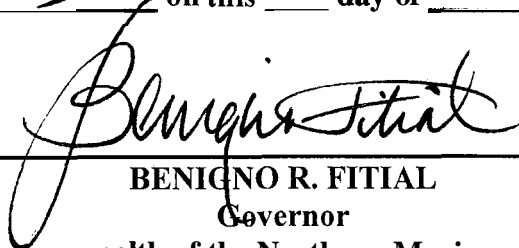


VICTOR B. HOCOG
Chairman, Rota Legislative Delegation



PETE R. REYES
President of the Senate

APPROVED on this 26th day of SEPTEMBER, 2008



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