PUBLIC LAW NO. 7-8

SEVENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE HOUSE BILL

NO. 7-62

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1990

AN ACT

To establish the Advisory Commission on the compensation of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Representative to the United States, Mayors, Legislators, and Judges.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Advisory Commission on the Compensation of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Representative to the United States, Mayors, Legislators, and Judges. There is hereby established the Advisory Commission on the Compensation of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Representative to the United States, Legislators, Mayors, and Judges which shall consist of seven members as follows: (a) Three members to be appointed by the Governor, (b) two members to be appointed by the Presiding Judge of the Commonwealth Superior Court, (c) one member to be appointed by the President of the Senate, (d) one member to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Section 2. Authority. The Advisory Commission on the Compensation of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Representative to the United States, Mayors, Legislators, and Judges is established pursuant to Article II, Section 10; Article III, Section 5; Article IV, Section 5; Article V, Section 5; and Article VI, Section 4 of the Commonwealth Constitution.

1 Section 3. Acts. Five members shall constitute a
2 quorum of the Commission for the transaction of all business
3 and the concurrence of five members shall be necessary to the
4 validity of its reports as provided by this Act.
5 Section 4. Compensation. Members of the Commission
6 shall serve without pay but shall be reimbursed for
7 reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance
8 of their duties pursuant to budgetary allocation.
9 Section 5. Duties. The Commission shall have the
10 following powers and duties:
11 (a) Review, study and evaluate the level of
12 compensation for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor,
13 members of the legislature, Judges, Representative
14 to the United Sates, and Mayors;
15 (b) After consultation with the Governor,
16 Presiding Officers of the Legislature, Presiding
17 Judge, Representative to the United States, and
18 Mayors, report and make recommendations concerning
19 the compensation of the officials specified in
20 subsection (a) of this section to the Legislature;
21 (c) Report and recommend an accepted composite
22 price index for the period since the initial or
23 last change in compensation for any of the
24 officials specified in subsection (a) of this
25 section to the Legislature; and

(d) Transmit its report to the Legislature within 30 days of the effective date of this Act and the Commission shall be dissolved 30 days from the date the report is officially transmitted.

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

CERTIFIED AND ATTESTED TO BY:

LUIS C. BENAVENTE
Acting Speaker
House of Representatives

EVELYN T. CASTRO
House Clerk

APPROVED this 27th day of July, 1990

LORENZO I. DE LEON GUERRERO
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands