

AN ACT

To establish a Commonwealth special election to submit to the voters several legislative initiatives to amend the Commonwealth Constitution and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 Section 1. Short Title. This Act shall be known and
2 cited as the Special Election Act of 1991.

3 Section 2. Purpose. The Legislature finds that the
4 Commonwealth Constitution may be amended by either popular or
5 legislative initiatives. According to Article XI, Section 5
6 (b) of the Commonwealth Constitution, any amendment proposed
7 by a legislative initiative must be approved by a majority of
8 the votes cast. Further, the Legislature finds that pursuant
9 to Article XI, Section 5 (a), any proposed amendments to the
10 Commonwealth Constitution may be submitted to the voters for
11 ratification at either the next regular general election or at
12 a special election established by law. Therefore, it is the
13 purpose of this Act to establish a special election for voter
14 ratification of several amendments proposed by legislative
15 initiatives.

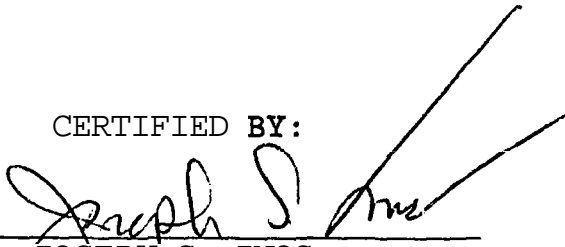
16 Section 3. Establishment of a Special Election. A
17 special election shall be held to place before the
18 Commonwealth voters for ratification several amendments to the
19 Northern Marianas Constitution as proposed by various
20 legislative initiatives and such other matters as provided by
21 law. Such special election shall be held no more than sixty
22 days after notification by the legislature by joint resolution
23 to the Board of Elections. In accordance with its
24 responsibilities and duties under 1 CMC §6104, the Board of
25 Elections shall administer and supervise the special election.

1 Voter eligibility and voting procedures shall be in compliance
2 with 1 CMC §6201 et seq.

3 Section 4. Severability. If any section of this Act
4 should be declared invalid or unenforceable by a court of
5 competent jurisdiction, the judicial determination shall not
6 affect the validity of the Act as a whole, other than the
7 particular part declared invalid or unenforceable.

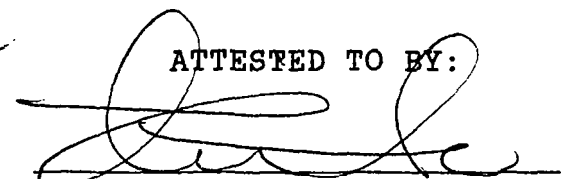
8 Section 5. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect
9 upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
10 without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:




JOSEPH S. INOS
President of the Senate

ATTESTED TO BY:



EDWARD U. MARATITA
Senate Legislative Secretary

Approved this 30th day of Dec., 1991.



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