

NINTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

H. B. NO. 9-379

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 1995

AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NINTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Advisory Commission on the Compensation of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Legislators, Justices and Judges, Resident Representative to the United States and Mayors. There is hereby established the Advisory Commission on the Compensation of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Legislators, Justices and Judges, Resident Representative to the United States and Mayors 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 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Northern Mariana Islands, (c) one member to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and (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, Legislators, Justices and Judges, Resident Representative to the United States and Mayors is established pursuant to Article II, Section 10, Article III, Section 5; and Article IV, Section 5; Article V, Section 5; and Article VI Section 4 of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Section 3. Acts. Five members shall constitute a quorum of the Commission for the transaction of all business and the concurrence of five members shall be necessary to the validity of its reports as provided by this Act.

Section 4. Compensation. Members of the Commission shall serve without pay but shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to budgetary allocation.

Section 5. Duties. The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) Review, study and evaluate the level of the compensation for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, Justices and Judges, Resident

Representative to the United States, and Mayors.

(b) After consultation with the Governor, Presiding Officers of the Legislature, Chief Justice, Resident Representative to the United States, and Mayors, report and make recommendations concerning the compensation of officials specified in subsection (a) of this section to the Legislature;

(c) Report and recommend an accepted composite price index for the period since the initial or last change in compensation for any of the officials specified in subsection (a) of this section to the Legislature; and

(d) Hold its first meeting within fourteen (14) days from the official appointment of the final member of the Commission and shall transmit its report to the Legislature promptly thereafter. The Commission shall be dissolved 30 days from the date the report is officially transmitted.

Section 6. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

Section 7. Savings Clause. This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence at the date this Act becomes effective.

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

CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Diego T. Benavente
DIEGO T. BENAVENTE
Speaker
House of Representatives

/s/ Evelyn C. Fleming
EVELYN C. FLEMING
House Clerk

_____ this _____ day of _____, 1995

FROILAN C. TENORIO
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Became Public Law No. 9-47, on August
1995 without the Governor's signature.