

TENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

**PUBLIC LAW NO. 10-18
H. B. NO. 10-135**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1996

AN ACT

To amend Public Law 8-27 and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Short Title. This act may be cited as the Youth Congress Amendment Act of 1996.

Section 2. Amendment. Section 10 of Public Law 8-27 is amended to read as follows:

"Section 10. Elections. The general election to the Youth Congress shall be held on the third Monday in September of 1996, and each year thereafter. The elections for Precincts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 shall be conducted by the members of the House of Representatives from those Election Precincts. The election for school senators shall be conducted by the school principals and by the president of the Northern Marianas College at the schools the eligible voters attend, and at which the voters are officially enrolled, and each voter shall be entitled to vote for the number of candidates authorized for his school election precinct as provided for in Section 3 of this Act. The eligible voter may vote both in the school and his or her election precinct.

It shall be the responsibility of the school principal, the president of the Northern Marianas College, or the Legislative Bureau as appropriate to provide forms for petitions, ballots and tally sheets, the necessary ballot boxes and personnel to supervise the election, count and tally the ballots. The Board of Elections shall cooperate and make available to the greatest extent practicable, the resources of the Board of Elections to support the tasks and activities of the youth congress elections at no cost.

Results of the election shall be certified by the members of the House of Representatives from each election precinct, school principal, or president of the Northern Marianas College as appropriate within three (3) days after the election. Results shall be forwarded to the Floor Leader of the House of Representatives, who shall verify the election results, and certify the election of members to the youth_congress. The results shall be forwarded to the Governor, Commissioner of Education, President of the Northern Marianas College, and the presiding officers of the Legislature.

Any disputes resulting from the election shall be resolved by the Chairman of the House Standing Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations or its successor."

Section 3. 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 4. 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 5. 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/ David M. Apatang
DAVID M. APATANG
Acting Speaker
House of Representatives

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

 Approved this 21st day of June , 1996

 /s/ Paul A. Manglona
~~FROILAN C. TENORIO~~ PAUL A. MANGLONA
Acting Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands