

TWELFTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

Public Law 12-43

SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION, 2000

H. B. NO. 12-194

AN ACT

To provide for the appointment of individual members of the Youth Congress as non-voting honorary members of each Commonwealth Board and Commission and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TWELFTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Short Title. This Act shall be know as Youth Congress Non-Voting Honorary Members Act of 2000.

Section 2. Findings and Purpose. The Legislature finds that one of the main functions of the Northern Marianas Islands Youth Congress as established in the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress Act of 1993 (Public Law No. 8-27), is to serve as a training ground for the Commonwealth's future leaders. The Legislature further finds that the various board and commissions of the Commonwealth provide an invaluable insight into the many activities that affect the lives of every person within the Commonwealth and that the youth of the Commonwealth would benefit greatly from exposure to and participation in the activities of the boards and commission of the Commonwealth.

It is the purpose of this bill to provide for the appointment of individual members of the Youth Congress as non-voting honorary members of each Commonwealth board and commission except those boards and commissions whose membership is provided for in the Commonwealth Constitution.

Section 3. Appointment as Non-Voting Honorary Members of Boards and Commissions. The Governor shall appoint individual members of the Youth Congress to serve as non-voting honorary members of each Commonwealth board and commission except those boards and commissions whose membership is provided for in the Commonwealth Constitution. Membership on a board or commission shall expire when the members' Youth Congress term expires. Participation by these members shall be limited to those meetings in which the general public has access pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Open Government Act, as amended.

Participation by these members shall be limited to meetings held on the islands of the Commonwealth in which the members reside.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstances should be held valid 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. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED TO BY:

/s/ _____

BENIGNO R. FITIAL
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

/s/ _____

EVELYN C. FLEMING
HOUSE CLERK

Approved this 20th day of April, 2001

/s/ _____

PEDRO P. TENORIO
GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS