

THIRTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2002

PUBLIC LAW NO. 13-55

H. B. NO. 13-019, HD1

AN ACT

To amend 1 CMC § 1617, created by Section 3 of Public Law No. 12-43, to give the Speaker of the Youth Congress the authority to appoint individual members of the Youth Congress to serve's non-voting honorary members of each Commonwealth Board and Commission; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE THIRTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:**

Section 1. Amendment. 1 CMC § 1617, created by Section 3 of Public Law No. 12-43, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"§ 1617. Appointment as Non-Voting Honorary Members of Boards and Commissions. Notwithstanding the requirements of 1 CMC § 2901 (a), the Speaker of the Youth Congress 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, codified as 1 CMC §§ 9901, et seq., the Open Government Act. Participation by Youth Congress members shall be limited to meetings held on the islands of the Commonwealth in which the members reside. Youth Congress members serving in an honorary position are not authorized to travel in connection with their service on boards and commissions. Youth Congress members serving in an honorary position shall not receive compensation in any form for attendance at meetings of the board nor any other compensation such as subsistence or out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the discharge of their responsibilities."

Section 2. 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 3. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or upon becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED TO BY:

/s/ _____

HEINZ S. HOFSCHEIDER
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

/s/ _____

EVELYN C. FLEMING
HOUSE CLERK

Approved this 3rd day of July, 2003

/s/ _____

JUAN N. BABAUTA
GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS