



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
FOURTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2004

PUBLIC LAW NO. 14-24  
H. B. No. 14-145, HD1

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AN ACT

To amend 1 CMC § 3802(c).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE FOURTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH  
LEGISLATURE:

**Section 1. Finding.** The Legislature finds that the next most senior available Justice of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands should sit in place of the Chief Justice, or his designee, as chairperson of the Commission in his absence.

**Section 2. Amendment.** 1 CMC § 3802(c) is amended as follows:

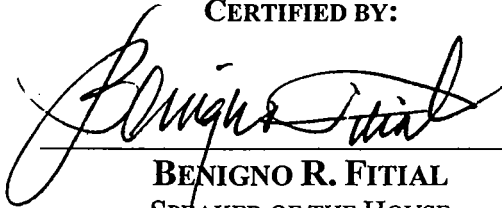
“(c) In the absence of the Chief Justice, or his designee under subsection (a) of this section, the most senior Associate Justice of the Supreme Court shall serve as the chairperson.”

**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.

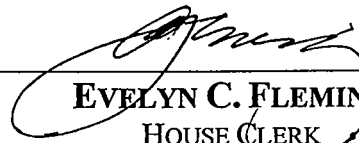
**Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

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

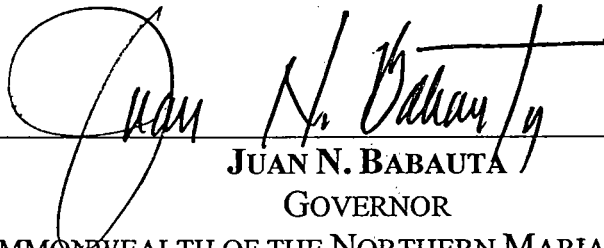
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**BENIGNO R. FITIAL**  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

ATTESTED TO BY:

  
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**EVELYN C. FLEMING**  
HOUSE CLERK

Approved on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004

  
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**JUAN N. BABAUTA**  
GOVERNOR  
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS