



## COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

**Eloy S. Inos**  
Governor

**Ralph DLG. Torres**  
Lieutenant Governor

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Honorable Victor B. Hocog  
Senate President, The Senate  
Nineteenth Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

Honorable Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Nineteenth Northern Marianas  
Commonwealth Legislature  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law Senate Bill No. 19-08, SD1, HD1 entitled, "To amend 1 CMC § 1104(A), to set the time for the Organizational Sessions; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 19-1**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eloy S. Inos', with a vertical line extending upwards from the end of the signature.

ELOY S. INOS

cc: Lt. Governor; Attorney General's Office; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



THE SENATE  
Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature  
P. O. Box 500129  
Saipan, MP 96950

May 18, 2015

The Honorable Eloy S. Inos  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
Capital Hill  
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Inos:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith Senate Bill No. 19-08, SD1, HD1, entitled: "To amend 1 CMC § 1104(A), to set the time for the Organizational Sessions; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dolores S. Bermudes".

Dolores S. Bermudes  
Senate Clerk

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**THE SENATE**  
**NINETEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

**SENATE BILL NO. 19-08, SD1, HD1**

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**AN ACT**

TO AMEND 1 CMC § 1104(A), TO SET THE TIME FOR THE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**SENATE ACTION**

**Offered by Senator(s):** Justo S. Quitugua; Arnold I. Palacios; Sixto K. Igisomar

**Date:** January 22, 2015

**Referred to:** Judiciary, Government and Law

**Standing Committee Report No.:** 19-01 Adopted on 03//04/15

**Final Reading:** May 08, 2015

**SENATE ACTION**

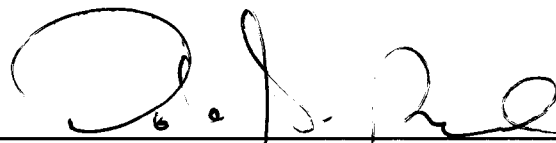
**Referred to:** None

**Standing Committee Report No.:** None

**First and Final Reading:** April 24, 2015

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**DOLORIS S. BERMUDES**  
**SENATE CLERK**



**THE SENATE  
NINETEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2015

S. B. NO. 19-08, SD1, HD1

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**AN ACT**

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

1           **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature finds that the duration of the  
2 inauguration session in which the House of Representatives and Senate conduct its first session  
3 for organizational purposes has steadily increased over the past several years. The organization  
4 session of the Nineteenth Legislature for both the House of Representatives and the Senate lasted  
5 more than three hours. The Legislature finds it necessary to amend 1 CMC § 1104(a) which  
6 provides that the session for organizational purposes be conducted at 11:00 a.m.

7           The purpose of this Act is to amend 1 CMC § 1104(a) to change the requirement that the  
8 organization session be conducted at 10:00 a.m. by the House and 11:00 a.m. by the Senate.

9           **Section 2. Amendment.** 1 CMC § 1104(a) is amended to read as follows:

10           “Each house of the legislature shall:

11           (a) The House of Representatives shall convene at 10:00 a.m. and the Senate shall ~~C~~convene at  
12 11:00 a.m. for organizational purposes on Saipan ~~at 11:00 a.m.~~ on the second Monday of January in the  
13 year following the regular general election at which members of the legislature are elected and shall be a  
14 continuous body for the two years between these organizational meetings.”

15           **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such  
16 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent  
17 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or

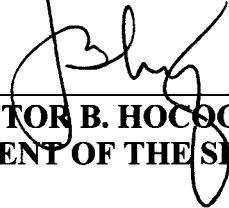
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1 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

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

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

**CERTIFIED BY:**



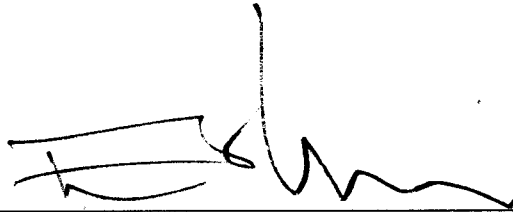
**VICTOR B. HOCOG  
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE**

**ATTESTED BY:**



**TERESITA A. SANTOS  
SENATE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY**

Approved this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015



**ELOY S. INOS  
Governor  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands**