



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Eloy S. Inos
Governor

Ralph DLG. Torres
Lieutenant Governor

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

23 SEP 2015

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. 19-03, SS1 entitled, "To provide for the selection of the Teacher Representative within the Public School System to serve as a Nonvoting Teacher Representative in the CNMI State Board of Education pursuant to Article XV, Section 1 (c), of the NMI Constitution; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate and the House of Representative of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 19-7**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eloy S. Inos", with a stylized flourish extending upwards from the end.

ELOY S. INOS

cc: Lt. Governor; Attorney General's Office; Public School System; 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

September 01, 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. 19-03, SS1, entitled: "To provide for the selection of the Teacher Representative within the Public School System to serve as a Nonvoting Teacher Representative in the CNMI State Board of Education pursuant to Article XV, Section 1 (c), of the NMI Constitution; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely,

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Dolores S. Bermudes
Senate Clerk

Attachments



THE SENATE
NINETEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE BILL NO. 19-03, SS1

AN ACT

TO PROVIDE FOR THE SELECTION OF THE TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE WITHIN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM TO SERVE AS A NONVOTING TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE IN THE CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XV, SECTION 1(C), OF THE NMI CONSTITUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SENATE ACTION

Offered by Senator(s): Justo S. Quitugua

Date: January 13, 2015

Referred to: Committee on Education and Youth Affairs

Standing Committee Report No.: 19-07 adopted on 03/20/15

Final Reading: March 20, 2015

HOUSE ACTION

Referred to: Committee on Health, Education & Welfare

Standing Committee Report No.: 19-17 adopted on 07/23/15

First and Final Reading: July 24, 2015

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DOLORES S. BERMUDES
SENATE CLERK

NINETEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2015

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE NINETEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The NMI Constitution under Article XV,
2 section 1(c), provides that the governor shall appoint a nonvoting ex-officio member to the
3 Board of Education who is selected by the teachers within the Public School System. It also
4 provides that the selection process for the teacher representative shall be as provided by law.

5 The purpose of this Act is to provide for the selection of the CNMI State Board of
6 Education Teacher Representative.

7 **Section 2. Selection of CNMI State Board of Education Teacher Representative**
8 **within the Public School System.**

9 The CNMI Teacher Representative shall be selected by the teachers in the Public
10 School System to serve as the CNMI State Board of Education Teacher Representative
11 (Teacher Representative) as follows:

12 a. Teacher Representative General Election.

13 The Commissioner of Education of the Public School System shall conduct an
14 election of the Teacher Representative during the first week of October of each year. Only a
15 teacher is eligible to be a candidate and only teachers are eligible to vote one candidate on
16 the ballot. There shall be no write-in on the ballot.

1 b. Run-off Election.

2 The Commissioner shall conduct a run-off election during the first week of
3 November of the two candidates who received the highest number of votes. In the event of
4 a tie, the run-off election shall be repeated until one candidate obtains the majority vote.

5 c. The Commissioner shall submit the name of the teacher who obtained the
6 highest vote in the run-off election to the Governor to appoint as the CNMI State Board of
7 Education Teacher Representative.

8 d. The Commissioner shall keep a record of the election results.

9 **Section 3. Term of the Teacher Representative and Replacement.**

10 a. The teacher representative appointed by the governor shall serve a term of
11 two years.

12 b. In the event the appointed Teacher Representative is not able to serve the
13 complete term, or resigns, the Commissioner shall submit the name of the second candidate
14 in the last run-off election to the Governor to appoint as the new Teacher Representative to
15 complete the remaining period of the term.

16 c. No teacher may be elected Teacher Representative more than twice.

17 **Section 4. Rules and Regulations.** The Commissioner shall promulgate necessary
18 rules and regulations to carry out the intent of this legislation, including but not limited to
19 candidate identification and selection for the general election, ballot tabulation, and protest
20 and grievance procedures. The rules and regulations shall be promulgated and adopted
21 within 60 days after this Act becomes law.

22 **Section 5. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such
23 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent
24 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
25 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

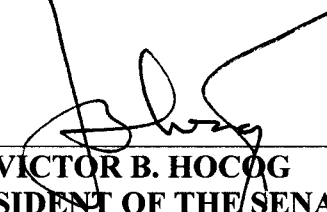
26 **Section 6. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be
27 construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes
28 repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers
29 contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior

1 law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way
2 modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence on the date
3 this Act becomes effective.


4 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
5 Governor or becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

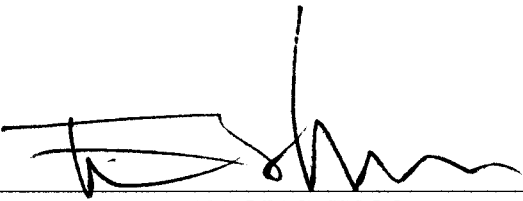


VICTOR B. HOCO G
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



TERESITA A. SANTOS
SENATE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY

Approved this 23rd day of September, 2015



ELOY S. INOS
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands