



COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor

Victor B. Hocog
Lieutenant Governor

06 OCT 2017

The Honorable Arnold I. Palacios
Senate President, The Senate
Twentieth Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Rafael S. Demapan
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twentieth 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. 20-03, SS1, HD1, entitled, "To amend 1 CMC §§ 2261(b) and 2262, to limit the public high school student representative to the Board of Education to one year and rotated appointment by public school; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Public Law No. 20-23**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph DLG. Torres", written over a circular stamp or seal.

RALPH DLG. TORRES

cc: Lt. Governor; Press Secretary; Public School System; Board of Education; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review



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

September 08, 2017

The Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Capital Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Governor Torres:

I have the honor of transmitting herewith for your action Senate Bill No. 20-03, SS1, HD1 entitled: "To amend 1 CMC §§ 2261(b) and 2262, to limit the public high school student representative to the Board of Education to one year and rotated appointment by public school; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

Sincerely,

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

Dolores S. Bermudes
Senate Clerk

Attachments



THE SENATE
TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE BILL NO. 20-03, SS1, HD1

AN ACT

To amend 1 CMC §§ 2261(b) and 2262, to limit the public high school student representative to the Board of Education to one year and rotated appointment by public school; and for other purposes.

SENATE ACTION

Offered by Senator(s): Justo S. Quitugua

Date: January 23, 2017

Referred to: Committee on Education and Youth Affairs

Standing Committee Report No.: 20-04 adopted on March 22, 2017


First and Final Reading: September 08, 2017

HOUSE ACTION

Referred to: Education Committee

Standing Committee Report No.: 20-55 Adopted on 8/18/17

First and Final Reading: September 05, 2017


DOLORES S. BERMUDES
SENATE CLERK



THE SENATE
TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2017

S. B. NO. 20-03, SS1, HD1

AN ACT

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

Section 1. Findings and Purpose.

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2 The Legislature finds that the current statutory provision under 1 CMC § 2261(b)
3 provides the governor the authority to appoint a student attending a public high school to
4 the Board of Education. The same provision also provides that the appointment of the
5 public high school student representative shall be on a rotational basis by each respective
6 public high school. And 1 CMC § 2262 provides that the student representative shall be
7 appointed for period the student is enrolled in a public high school.

8 The Legislature finds it important to provide the opportunity to more public high
9 school students, including the public high school students in the First Senatorial and
10 Second Senatorial districts, to serve as student representative to the Board of Education.

11 The purpose of this Act is to provide a rotational basis by each respective public
12 high school and to limit the term of the public high student to one year. In addition, the
13 “exclusive bargaining process” for the teacher representative provided in 1 CMC § 2261(b)
14 is removed to be consistent with Article XV, section 1(c), of the NMI Constitution.

SENATE BILL NO. 20-03, SS1, HD1

1 **Section 2. Amendment.** 1 CMC § 2261(b) is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 “(b) The Governor shall appoint three nonvoting ex officio members to the
3 Board of Education as follows: one member shall be a representative of a nonpublic
4 school; one member shall be a student attending a public secondary school,
5 appointed on a rotating basis by each respective public high school ~~Senatorial~~
6 ~~District~~; and one member selected by ~~an exclusive bargaining process as a~~
7 ~~representative of~~ the teachers within the Public School System pursuant to
8 subsection (e) of this section. These appointees may be reappointed, with the
9 exception of the student representative, and shall serve at the pleasure of the
10 Governor.”

11 **Section 3. Amendment.** 1 CMC § 2262~~(a)~~ is amended to read:

12 “§ 2262. Board of Education: Tenure.

13 (a) Elected members of the board shall serve terms of four years except that
14 the terms of the first members elected shall be determined by drawing of lots with
15 three members serving a term of four years and two members serving a term of two
16 years. ~~Appointed members shall serve for a term of four years, except for a~~

17 **(b)** The student representative enrolled in a public school who shall be
18 appointed for the duration of enrollment in a public school a term of one year.

19 ~~(b c)~~ Elected members of the board shall serve commencing on the second
20 Monday of January in the year following the regular general election at which they
21 were elected.

22 ~~(e d)~~ (1) The Teacher Representative appointed by the Governor shall
23 serve a term of two years.

24 (2) No teacher may be elected Teacher Representative more than
25 twice.

26 **(e)** The non-public school representative, appointed by the Governor, shall
27 serve a term of two years.”

28 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or the application of any such
29 provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent

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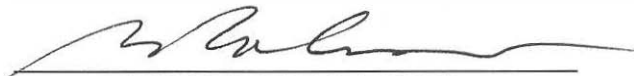
1 jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its provisions to persons or
2 circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

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

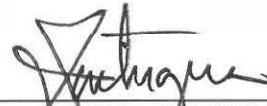
10 **Section 6. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
11 Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

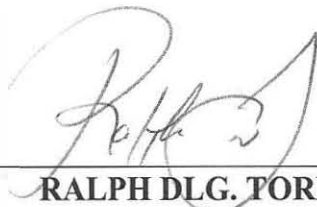


ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE



JUSTO S. QUITUGUA
SENATE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY

Approved this 6th day of October, 2017



RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands