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Miss Elizabeth Brown
Director, Office of United Nations
Political Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Miss Brown:

We are enclosing for your information a copy of Act No. 25-1966 of the Mariana Islands District Legislature, entitled "An act to require an official plebiscite throughout the Mariana Islands District to ascertain the wishes of the people relative to the future political status of the Mariana Islands District." Also enclosed is a copy of the District Administrator's veto message of March 26, 1966.

Sincerely yours,

Martin P. Mangan

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Acting Director

Enclosure

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2ND. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ACT NO. 25-1966

INTRODUCED BY HON. DANIEL T. MUNA, SAIPAN

AN ACT TO REQUIRE AN OFFICIAL PLEBISCITE THROUGHOUT THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT TO ASCERTAIN THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE RELATIVE TO THE FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT

BE IT ENACTED BY THE 2ND. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE, THAT:

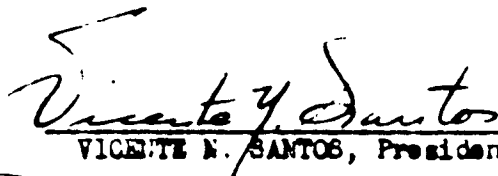
- Section 1. Purposes. It is the declared purpose of this Act to have the people of the Mariana Islands District determine the future political status they desire on or before December 31, 1967, as between integration, independence or free association. It is believed that time has come when the "pros" and "cons" of the alternatives regarding our future should be openly discussed in order that a meaningful decision might be made. It is the purpose of this Act to invalidate the Trusteeship Agreement as it relates to the Mariana Islands District, no later than January 1, 1969.
- Section 2. An official plebiscite shall be conducted throughout the Mariana Islands District no later than December 31, 1967, to be administered under the jurisdiction and control of the District Administrator. The District Administrator shall transmit a certified copy of the results of this plebiscite to the United Nations and the United States Department of State.
- Section 3. The results of the official plebiscite required hereunder shall be the final future political status of the Mariana Islands District, and the people thereof, shall not be governed under any different political system.

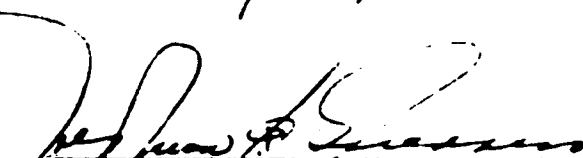
(ACT NO. 25-1966)

Section 4. The District Administrator shall be responsible for preparing all tally sheets, ballots, lists of qualified voters, and other materials necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act. He shall also have the power to make such rules and regulations as he deems necessary for the orderly conduct of this plebiscite.

Section 5. There is hereby appropriated out of any unappropriated surplus of the General Fund the sum of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars to carry out the purposes of this Act.

PASSED BY THE 2ND. MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE MARCH 2, 1966.


VICENTE N. SANTOS, President


HERMAN Q. GUERRERO, Secretary

Signed this _____ day of _____ 1966.

PETER T. COLEMAN
District Administrator
Mariana Islands District

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