

NINTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

H. B. NO. 9-332

SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, 1994

AN ACT

To make appropriations for the operation and activities of the Judicial Branch of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE NINTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

Section 1. Short Title. This Act maybe cited as the "Judicial Branch Appropriation Act of 1995."

Section 2. Definitions. As used in this Act:

(a) "Full Time Equivalent" ("FTE") means a full-time employment position in which only one person can be employed.

(b) "Judicial Branch" includes:

- (1) The Commonwealth Supreme Court;
- (2) The Commonwealth Superior Court;
- (3) The Commonwealth Law Revision Commission.

Section 3. Appropriations for Activities of the Judicial Branch. For the activities and operations of the Judicial Branch, there is hereby appropriated out of local revenues and resources the sum of five million three hundred sixty-three thousand dollars (\$5,363,000.00). These funds are appropriated as per the attached appropriation worksheets, which are incorporated by reference in this Act. The FTE's identified in the worksheets are the maximum number of positions approved and authorized and shall not be exceeded unless authorized in accordance with Article X, Section 7 of the Commonwealth Constitution.

Section 4. Relation to General 1995 Appropriation. The appropriations of this Act shall be incorporated into any future budget appropriation for Fiscal Year 1995, so that the total appropriated

expenditures for the Commonwealth Government shall remain within the expenditure limits provided under the Commonwealth Constitution and the Planning and Budget Act.

Section 5. 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 6. 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herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or order adopted under the statutes.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 this Act shall not have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability civil or criminal, which shall already be in existence at the date this Act becomes effective.

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

CERTIFIED BY:

/s/ Diego T. Benavente
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Speaker
House of Representatives

ATTESTED BY:

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EVELYN C. FLEMING
House Clerk

Approved this 12th day of January, 1995

/s/ Froilan C. Tenorio
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Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands