

ELEVENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION, 1998

PUBLIC LAW NO. 11-118

SENATE BILL

NO. 11-53

AN ACT

To amend 1 CMC § 6201 to clarify that time on parole is included as time serving a sentence for a felony in the context of qualification to vote; and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Amendments.

(a) 1 CMC § 6201 is hereby amended to read:

"A person is eligible to vote who, on the date of election, is 18 years of age or older, is domiciled in the Commonwealth, has resided in the Commonwealth for at least 45 days prior to the election day, is not serving a sentence for a felony, has not been declared by a court to be judicially insane, and is either a citizen or national of the United States as defined in the Commonwealth Constitution. For the purposes of this section, time on parole for a felony offense shall be included as time spent serving a sentence for a felony."

Section 2. 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 3. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

/s/ Paul A. Manglona
PAUL A. MANGLONA
President of the Senate

/s/ Edward U. Maratita
EDWARD U. MARATITA
Senate Legislative Secretary

Approved this 25th day of January, 2000.

/s/ Pedro P. Tenorio
PEDRO P. TENORIO
GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS