Interior Department authority.

SEC. 13. Section 2 of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands (68 Stat. 497; 48 U.S.C. 1541) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection (c):

"(c) The relations between such government and the Federal Government in all matters not the program responsibility of another Federal department or agency shall be under the general administrative supervision of the Secretary of the Interior."

Repeal.

SEC. 14. Effective on the date of enactment of this Act, section 19 of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands (68 Stat. 505; 48 U.S.C. 1632) is hereby repealed.

SEC. 15. Effective on the date of enactment of this Act, section 8(b)(i) of the Revised Organic Act of the Virgin Islands (68 Stat. 497, 500; 48 U.S.C. 1574(b)), as amended, is further amended by (a) deleting the third and fourth sentences thereof, and (b) by deleting the eighth and ninth sentences thereof and substituting in lieu thereof the following sentence: "The bonds so issued shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed that specified by the legislature, payable semiannually.".

Effective date.

SEC. 16. Those provisions of this Act necessary to authorize the holding of an election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor on November 3, 1970, shall be effective on January 1, 1970. All other provisions of this Act, unless otherwise expressly provided herein, shall be effective January 4, 1971.

Short title.

SEC. 17. This Act may be cited as the "Virgin Islands Elective Governor Act".

Approved August 23, 1968.

Public Law 90-497

September 11, 1968
[S. 449]

AN ACT

To provide for the popular election of the Governor of Guam, and for other purposes.

Guam Elective Governor Act.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 6 of the Organic Act of Guam (64 Stat. 384, 386; 48 U.S.C. 1422), is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 6. The executive power of Guam shall be vested in an executive officer whose official title shall be the 'Governor of Guam'. The Governor of Guam, together with the Lieutenant Governor, shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast by the people who are qualified to vote for the members of the Legislature of Guam. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall be chosen jointly, by the casting by each voter of a single vote applicable to both offices. If no candidates

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receive a majority of the votes cast in any election, on the fourteenth day thereafter a runoff election shall be held between the candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor receiving the highest and second highest number of votes cast. The first election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall be held on November 3, 1970. Thereafter, beginning with the year 1974, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall be elected every four years at the general election. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall hold office for a term of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Term of office.

"No person who has been elected Governor for two full successive terms shall again be eligible to hold that office until one full term has intervened.

"The term of the elected Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall commence on the first Monday of January following the date of election.

Qualifications.

"No person shall be eligible for election to the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor unless he is an eligible voter and has been for five consecutive years immediately preceding the election a citizen of the United States and a bona fide resident of Guam and will be, at the time of taking office, at least thirty years of age. The Governor shall maintain his official residence in Guam during his incumbency.

Powers and duties.

"The Governor shall have general supervision and control of all the departments, bureaus, agencies, and other instrumentalities of the executive branch of the government of Guam. He may grant pardons and reprieves and remit fines and forfeitures for offenses against local laws. He may veto any legislation as provided in this Act. He shall appoint, and may remove, all officers and employees of the executive branch of the government of Guam, except as otherwise provided in this or any other Act of Congress, or under the laws of Guam, and shall commission all officers that he may be authorized to appoint. He shall be responsible for the faithful execution of the laws of Guam and the laws of the United States applicable in Guam. Whenever it becomes necessary, in case of disaster, invasion, insurrection, or rebellion, or imminent danger thereof, or to prevent or suppress lawless violence, he may summon the posse comitatus or call out the militia or request assistance of the senior military or naval commander of the Armed Forces of the United States in Guam, which may be given at the discretion of such commander if not disruptive of, or inconsistent with, his Federal responsibilities. He may, in case of rebellion or invasion, or imminent danger thereof, when the public safety requires it, proclaim the island, insofar as it is under the jurisdiction of the government of Guam, to be under martial law. The

members of the legislature shall meet forthwith on their own initiative and may, by a two-thirds vote, revoke such proclamation.

Annual report.

"The Governor shall make to the Secretary of the Interior an annual report of the transactions of the government of Guam for transmission to the Congress and such other reports at such other times as may be required by the Congress or under applicable Federal law. He shall have the power to issue executive orders and regulations not in conflict with any applicable law. He may recommend bills to the legislature and give expression to his views on any matter before that body.

Lieutenant Governor.

"There is hereby established the office of Lieutenant Governor of Guam. The Lieutenant Governor shall have such executive powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Governor or prescribed by this Act or under the laws of Guam."

Removal of Governor from office.

SEC. 2. Section 7 of the Organic Act of Guam (64 Stat. 384, 387; 48 U.S.C. 1422a), is deleted and replaced by the following new provision, also designated section 7:

"SEC. 7. Any Governor of Guam may be removed from office by a referendum election in which at least two-thirds of the number of persons voting for Governor in the last preceding general election at which a Governor was elected, vote in favor of recall and in which those so voting constitute a majority of all those participating in the referendum election. The referendum election shall be initiated by the legislature of Guam following (a) a two-thirds vote of the members of the legislature in favor of a referendum, or (b) a petition for such a referendum to the legislature by registered voters equal the number to at least 50 per centum of the whole number of votes cast for Governor at the last general election at which a Governor was elected preceding the filing of the petition."

Vacancy in office; line of succession.

SEC. 3. Section 8 of the Organic Act of Guam (64 Stat. 384, 387; 48 U.S.C. 1422b), as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 8. (a) In case of the temporary disability or temporary absence of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor shall have the powers of the Governor.

"(b) In case of a permanent vacancy in the office of Governor, arising by reason of the death, resignation, removal by recall, or permanent disability of the Governor, or the death, resignation, or permanent disability of a Governor-elect, or for any other reason, the Lieutenant Governor or Lieutenant Governor-elect shall become the Governor, to hold office for the unexpired term and until he or his successor shall have been duly elected and qualified at the next regular election for Governor.

"(c) In case of the temporary disability or temporary absence of the Lieutenant Governor, or during any period when the Lieutenant Governor is acting as Governor, the speaker of the Guam Legislature shall act as Lieutenant Governor.

"(d) In case of a permanent vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, arising by reason of the death, resignation, or permanent disability of the Lieutenant Governor, or because the Lieutenant Governor or Lieutenant Governor-elect has succeeded to the office of Governor, the Governor shall appoint a new Lieutenant Governor, with the advice and consent of the legislature, to hold office for the unexpired term and until he or his successor shall have been duly elected and qualified at the next regular election for Lieutenant Governor.

"(e) In case of the temporary disability or temporary absence of both the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor, the powers of the Governor shall be exercised, as Acting Governor, by such person as the laws of Guam may prescribe. In case of a permanent vacancy in the offices of both the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the office of Governor shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner prescribed by the laws of Guam.

"(f) No additional compensation shall be paid to any person acting as Governor or Lieutenant Governor who does not also assume the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor under the provisions of this Act."

SEC. 4. (a) Effective on the date of enactment of this Act, the second and third sentences of subsection (a) of section 9 of the Organic Act of Guam (64 Stat. 384, 387; 48 U.S.C. 1422c(a)) are deleted.

(b) The first sentence of subsection (b) of section 9 of the Organic Act of Guam (64 Stat. 384, 387; 48 U.S.C. 1422c(b)) is deleted.

Comptroller.

SEC. 5. Effective on the date of enactment of this Act, the Organic Act of Guam is amended by adding immediately after the end of section 9 (64 Stat. 384, 387; 48 U.S.C. 1422c) the following new section 9–A:

"SEC. 9–A. (a) The Secretary of the Interior shall appoint in the Department of the Interior a government comptroller for Guam who shall be under the general supervision of the Secretary of the Interior and shall not be a part of any executive department in the government of Guam, and whose salary and expenses of office shall be paid by the United States from funds otherwise to be covered into the treasury of Guam pursuant to section 30 of this Act. Sixty days prior to the effective date of transfer or removal of the government comptroller, the Secretary shall communicate to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives his intention to so transfer or remove the government comptroller and his reasons therefor.

48 USC 1421h.

Duties.

"(b) The government comptroller shall audit all accounts and review and recommend adjudication of claims pertaining to the revenue and receipts of the government of Guam and of funds derived from bond issues; and he shall audit, in accordance with law and administrative regulations, all expenditures of funds and property pertaining to the government of Guam including those pertaining to trust funds held by the government of Guam.

"(c) It shall be the duty of the government comptroller to bring to the attention of the Secretary of the Interior and the Governor of Guam all failures to collect amounts due the government, and expenditures of funds or uses of property which are irregular or not pursuant to law. The audit activities of the government comptroller shall be directed so as to (1) improve the efficiency and economy of programs of the government of Guam, and (2) discharge the responsibility incumbent upon the Congress to insure that the substantial Federal revenues which are covered into the treasury of the government of Guam are properly accounted for and audited.

"(d) The decisions of the government comptroller shall be final except that appeal therefrom may, with the concurrence of the Governor, be taken by the party aggrieved or the head of the department concerned, within one year from the date of the decision, to the Secretary of the Interior, which appeal shall be in writing and shall specifically set forth the particular action of the government comptroller

to which exception is taken, with the reasons and the authorities relied upon for reversing such decision.

"(e) If the Governor does not concur in the taking of an appeal to the Secretary, the party aggrieved may seek relief by suit in the District Court of Guam if the claim is otherwise within its jurisdiction. No later than thirty days following the date of the decision of the Secretary of the Interior, the party aggrieved or the Governor, on behalf of the head of the department concerned, may seek relief by suit in the District Court of Guam, if the claim is otherwise within its jurisdiction.

"(f) The government comptroller is authorized to communicate directly with any person or with any department officer or person having official relation with his office. He may summon witnesses and administer oaths.

Fiscal report.

"(g) As soon after the close of each fiscal year as the accounts of said fiscal year may be examined and adjusted, the government comptroller shall submit to the Governor of Guam and the Secretary of the Interior an annual report of the fiscal condition of the government, showing the receipts and disbursements of the various departments and agencies of the government. The Secretary of the Interior shall submit such report along with his comments and recommendations to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

"(h) The government comptroller shall make such other reports as may be required by the Governor of Guam, the Comptroller General of the United States, or the Secretary of the Interior.

GAO review and reports.

"(i) The office and activities of the government comptroller of Guam shall be subject to review by the Comptroller General of the United States, and reports thereon shall be made by him to the Governor, the Secretary of the Interior, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

"(j) All departments, agencies, and establishments shall furnish to the government comptroller such information regarding the powers, duties, activities, organization, financial transactions, and methods of business of their respective offices as he may from time to time require of them; and the government comptroller, or any of his assistants or employees, when duly authorized by him, shall, for the purpose of securing such information, have access to and the right to examine any books, documents, papers, or records of any such department, agency, or establishment."

Legislature, regular and special sessions.

SEC. 6. (a) Effective on the date of the enactment of this Act, section 18 of the Organic Act of Guam (64 Stat. 384, 388; 48 U.S.C. 1423h) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 18. Regular sessions of the legislature shall be held annually, commencing on the second Monday in January (unless the legislature shall by law fix a different date), and shall continue for such term as the legislature may provide. The Governor may call special sessions of the legislature at any time when, in his opinion, the public interest may require it. No legislation shall be considered at any special session other than that specified in the call therefor or in any special message by the Governor to the legislature while in such session. All sessions of the legislature shall be open to the public."

Quorum.

(b) Effective on the date of enactment of this Act, section 12 of the Organic Act of Guam (64 Stat. 384, 388; 48 U.S.C. 1423b) is amended by adding after the last sentence thereof the following: "The quorum of the legislature shall consist of eleven of its members. No bill shall

become a law unless it shall have been passed at a meeting, at which a quorum was present, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present and voting, which vote shall be by yeas and nays.".

Repeal.

SEC. 7. Effective on the date of enactment of this Act, section 25(b) of the Organic Act of Guam (48 U.S.C. 1421c(b)) is repealed.

Vetoed bills, approval.

SEC. 8. (a) Section 19 of the Organic Act of Guam (64 Stat. 384, 389; 48 U.S.C. 1423i) is amended by deleting its fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, and ninth sentences and by substituting therefor the following: "When a bill is returned by the Governor to the legislature with his objections, the legislature shall enter his objections at large on its journal and, upon motion of a member of the legislature, proceed to reconsider the bill. If, after such reconsideration, two-thirds of all the members of the legislature pass the bill, it shall be a law."

(b) Effective on the date of enactment of this Act, section 19 of the Organic Act of Guam (48 U.S.C. 1423i) is further amended by deleting the last sentence thereof.

Repeal.

SEC. 9. (a) Effective on the date of enactment of this Act, subsection (c) of section 26 of the Organic Act of Guam (64 Stat. 384, 391; 48 U.S.C. 1421d(c)) is repealed.

Salaries, etc.

(b) Effective January 4, 1971, the remainder of section 26 of the Organic Act of Guam (64 Stat. 384, 391; 48 U.S.C. 1421d), as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 26. The salaries and travel allowances of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, the heads of the executive departments, other officers and employees of the government of Guam, and the members of the legislature, shall be paid by the government of Guam at rates prescribed by the laws of Guam."

Privileges and immunities provisions, etc.

SEC. 10. Effective on the date of enactment of this Act, section 5 of the Organic Act of Guam (64 Stat. 384, 385; 48 U.S.C. 1421b), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection (u):

"(u) The following provisions of and amendments to the Constitution of the United States are hereby extended to Guam to the extent that they have not been previously extended to that territory and shall have the same force and effect there as in the United States or in any State of the United States: article I, section 9, clauses 2 and 3; article IV, section 1 and section 2, clause 1; the first to ninth amendments inclusive; the thirteenth amendment; the second sentence of section 1 of the fourteenth amendment; and the fifteenth and nineteenth amendments.

"All laws enacted by Congress with respect to Guam and all laws enacted by the territorial legislature of Guam which are inconsistent with the provisions of this subsection are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency."

Insurrection laws, applicability.

SEC. 11. Effective on the date of enactment of this Act, chapter 15 of the General Military Law (70A Stat. 15, 16; 10 U.S.C. 331–334) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section 335:

"State."

"SEC. 335. For purposes of this chapter, 'State' includes the unincorporated territory of Guam."

Interior Department authority.

SEC. 12. (a) Section 3 of the Organic Act of Guam (64 Stat. 384; 48 U.S.C. 1421a), as amended, is further amended by deleting all after the words "Federal Government" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "in all matters not the program responsibility of another Federal department or agency, shall be under the general administrative supervision of the Secretary of the Interior."

(b) Section 28(c) of the Organic Act of Guam (64 Stat. 384, 392; 48 U.S.C. 1421f(c)), as amended, is amended by deleting the words "head of the department or agency designated by the President under section 3 of this Act," by deleting from the proviso the words "head of such department or agency," and by substituting in each such instance the words "Secretary of the Interior".

Effective dates.

SEC. 13. Those provisions necessary to authorize the holding of an election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor on November 3, 1970, shall be effective on January 1, 1970. All other provisions of this Act, unless otherwise expressly provided herein, shall be effective January 4, 1971.

Short title.

SEC. 14. This Act may be cited as the "Guam Elective Governor Act."

Approved September 11, 1968.

Public Law 90-498

September 17, 1968
[H. J. Res. 1299]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the President to proclaim annually the week including September 15 and 16 as "National Hispanic Heritage Week".

National Hispanic Heritage Week.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is hereby authorized and requested to issue annually a proclamation designating the week including September 15 and 16 as "National Hispanic Heritage Week" and calling upon the people of the United States, especially the educational community, to observe such week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Approved September 17, 1968.

Public Law 90-499

September 18, 1968
[H. J. Res. 1404]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing and requesting the President to proclaim the week of November 17 through 23, 1968, as "National Family Health Week".

National Family Health Week.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President is authorized and requested to officially proclaim the week of November 17 through 23, 1968, as "National Family Health Week" as a means of focusing national attention during the year upon the accomplishments of the American health care system and the central role played by the family physician in the maintenance of superior medical care for Americans of all ages and from all walks of life.

Approved September 18, 1968.