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4 Chapter.

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19 registration. In an action under this Section, as many persons may join as  
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25 party defendant. The Commission, and as many persons as there are causes  
26 of action against, may be joined as defendants.

Does not consider regist. minors who may have died.

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6           **Section 20024. Index of Registrations.** The Commission shall prepare  
7 an index of the Chamorro Registry and provide sufficient copies thereof.

8           **Section 20025. ~~Copies of Index to Candidates.~~** <sup>as public record; fee.</sup> Upon written demand ✓  
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12 Government of Guam.

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19 Advisory Board. The Board shall consist of five (5) members,  
20 all of whom shall be Chamorros, as defined in Section 20001  
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22 shall have the following qualifications:

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24 experience in the administration of a local Chamorro  
25 cultural agency or Chamorro cultural program;

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- 2 Chamorro historical or genealogical work; and
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- 4 issue of indigenous peoples or has been extensively
- 5 involved in the work towards the future exercise of
- 6 Chamorro self-determination.

7 The members of the Board shall serve for a term of two (2) years. If a  
8 vacancy should occur on the Board, said vacancy shall be filled for the  
9 remainder of the term only, and by the method originally prescribed for its  
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11 Government, for which he receives an annual compensation, shall be paid  
12 Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) for each attendance of a meeting upon his  
13 duties.

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- 15 resolution duly adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the members
- 16 elected to the Legislature.
- 17 (c) The Advisory Board shall annually elect one (1) of its members as
- 18 Chairperson. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the
- 19 Board.
- 20 d) A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
- 21 ~~Except as otherwise provided in this Act,~~ The vote of a majority of the Board shall be required to make any
- 22 action of the Board effective. The Board shall promulgate all
- 23 other rules and regulations as are necessary for its effective
- 24 operation.

*by majority of those present at the meeting in which such election is held,*  
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25 **Section 20027. Same: Ex-officio and Nonvoting Members.** The  
26 Executive Director of the Election Commission, Chairperson of the Election

1 Commission, Executive Director of the Commission on Self-Determination,  
2 Executive Director of the Chamorro Heritage Institute, once established, and  
3 the Chairperson of the Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs of the  
4 Legislature shall serve as ex-officio members of the Board but shall not be  
5 voting members thereof. The Executive Director of the Election Commission  
6 shall also serve as the ex-officio secretary for the Board.

7 **Section 20028. Same: Duties and Responsibilities.** The Board shall  
8 have direct and immediate supervision over the registration clerks  
9 designated in accordance with this Chapter to perform duties relative to the  
10 establishment, administration, and maintenance of the Chamorro Registry.  
11 Where such duties overlap with duties relative to the conduct of elections, the  
12 Board shall make recommendations to the Commission relative to the  
13 supervision of said clerks, and the Commission shall have the final decision-  
14 making authority.

15 The Board shall recommend to the Commission the suspension from the  
16 performance of said duties any of said clerks who shall fail to comply with its  
17 instruction, orders, decisions or rulings, and the appointment of temporary  
18 substitutes. Upon the recommendation of the Commission, the Governor  
19 may remove any and all clerks who shall be found guilty of nonfeasance or  
20 misfeasance in connection with the performance of their duties relative to the  
21 Chamorro Registry.

22 **Section 20029. Same: Same: Provision of Forms.** It shall be the  
23 responsibility of the Commission to provide all necessary forms as prescribe ✓  
24 by the Board for the establishment of the Chamorro Registry. ✓

25 **Section 20030. Same: Same: Informational Brochures.** It shall be the  
26 responsibility of the Board to prepare and promulgate informational

1 brochures providing basic information pertaining to the establishment of the  
2 Chamorro Registry, eligibility requirements, guidelines for registration, and  
3 any other such information as the Board should deem necessary for the  
4 purposes of educating the general public. The content of the brochures shall  
5 be subject to approval by the Commission and by the Governor. Such  
6 brochures shall be made available at the main office of the Commission, from  
7 registration clerks, and at other locations recommended by the Board and  
8 approved by the Commission.

9       **Section 20031. Same: Powers of the Advisory Board.** The Board shall  
10 have the power to summon the parties to a controversy pending before it,  
11 issue *subpoenas duces tecum* and otherwise to take testimony in any  
12 investigation or hearing pending before it and delegate such power to any  
13 officer. Any controversy submitted to the Board shall be tried, heard, and  
14 decided within fifteen (15) days counted from the time corresponding petition  
15 giving rise to said controversy is filed. If either party wishes to appeal the  
16 decision or ruling of the Board, appeal may be made to the Commission for  
17 further consideration of hearing. The Board shall have the power to certify  
18 to the Superior Court of Guam for contempt.”

19       **Section 3. Powers of Guam Election Commission.** A new Section 2108  
20 is added to Chapter 2 of Title 3, GCA, to read:

21       **“Section 2108. Same: The Chamorro Registry and Advisory**  
22       **Board.** It shall be the responsibility of the Election Commission to  
23 administer the Chamorro Registry with the advice of the Chamorro  
24 Registry Advisory Board. It shall also be the duty of the  
25 Commission to consider for approval the content of other  
26 informational brochures issued by the Board, with the approval to

1 be submitted for consideration by the Governor. When a  
2 controversy is brought up and heard before the Board, the  
3 Commission shall serve as an appellate board for any ruling  
4 rendered by the Board."

5 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This Act shall become effective within ninety  
6 (90) days of its enactment.

30 6/12/13/96

**TWENTY-THIRD GUAM LEGISLATURE  
1996 (Second) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 673 (as substituted by Committee)  
Introduced by:**

**H.A. Cristobal** *HC*  
**J.T. San Agustin**

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**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE CHAMORRO REGISTRY.**

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

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3 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Statement of Intent.** The Guam  
4 Legislature recognizes that the indigenous Chamorro people of Guam have  
5 suffered yet persisted as a population with a distinct language and culture  
6 through over three hundred years of colonial occupation by Spain, the  
7 United States of America, and Japan. During this period, Chamorros have  
8 survived through war, famine, disease, and cultural repression brought  
9 about by the Chamorro-Spanish Wars from 1668 to 1685; Spanish  
10 occupation until the Spanish-American War of 1898; the arrival of the  
11 Americans after the Treaty of Peace between the United States of America  
12 and Spain; and the Japanese occupation of Guam during World War II from  
13 1941 to 1944.

14 The Legislature also finds that, during their respective periods of  
15 occupation, the Spanish, American, and Japanese governments conducted  
16 islandwide census to identify and verify the number of indigenous  
17 Chamorros living on Guam. These censuses serve as historical  
18 documentation of the survival of Chamorros through war, foreign  
19 occupation, and peace, and they have been useful as genealogical tools to  
20 help identify these survivors and trace their descendants. The Legislature  
21 recognizes its responsibility of establishing a mechanism that will function  
22 similarly in taking historical record of the progress and identity of the  
23 indigenous Chamorro people of Guam. Such a mechanism may then be  
24 used for historical, ethnological, and genealogical purposes as well as for  
25 the future exercise of self-determination by the indigenous Chamorro  
26 people of Guam.

1 The Guam Legislature, in fulfilling its responsibility, endeavors to  
2 memorialize the indigenous Chamorro people by establishing a registry of  
3 the names of those Chamorro individuals, families, and their descendants  
4 who have survived over three hundred years of colonial occupation and who  
5 continue to develop as one Chamorro people on their homeland, Guam.  
6 This registry shall serve as a tool to help educate Chamorros about their  
7 status as an indigenous people and the inalienable right of self-  
8 determination which they possess, a right recognized and promoted by  
9 Article 1 and Article 55 of the United Nations Charter in support of  
10 “friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal  
11 rights and self-determination of peoples.” The registry shall also reiterate  
12 the obligation of the United States of America to the indigenous people of  
13 Guam, under Article 73 of the United Nations Charter, which calls for all  
14 member nations to assist the people of the non-self-governing territories “to  
15 develop self-government, to take due account of the political aspirations of  
16 the peoples, and to assist them in the progressive development of their free  
17 political institutions.”

18 The Guam Legislature finds this registry to be consistent with the  
19 Guam Commonwealth Draft Act, each section of which was democratically  
20 approved by the people of Guam and which explicitly recognizes the  
21 Chamorro people’s right of self-determination. The Legislature intends for  
22 this registry to assist in the process of heightening local awareness among  
23 the people of Guam of the current struggle for Commonwealth, of the  
24 identity of the indigenous Chamorro people of Guam, and of the role that  
25 Chamorros and their succeeding generations play in the island’s cultural  
26 survival and in Guam’s political evolution towards self-government.  
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28 **Section 2. The Chamorro Registry.** A new Chapter 20 is hereby added to  
29 Title 3, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

30  
31 **“CHAPTER 20”**  
32 **THE CHAMORRO REGISTRY**  
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- 34 **Section 20001. Definitions.**  
35 **Section 20002. Affidavit of Registration.**  
36 **Section 20003. Persons Entitled to Register or Be Registered.**  
37 **Section 20004. Same: Minors.**  
38 **Section 20005. Same: Off-Island Chamorros.**



1	<b>Section 20006.</b>	<b>Same: Same: Minors.</b>
2	<b>Section 20007.</b>	<b>Times for Registration.</b>
3	<b>Section 20008.</b>	<b>Place of Registration.</b>
4	<b>Section 20009.</b>	<b>Unlawful Registration as a Crime.</b>
5	<b>Section 20010.</b>	<b>Permanence of Records.</b>
6	<b>Section 20011.</b>	<b>Qualifications of Registration Clerks for the</b>
7		<b>Chamorro Registry.</b>
8	<b>Section 20012.</b>	<b>Compensation for Registration Clerks.</b>
9	<b>Section 20013.</b>	<b>Registration Clerks Empowered to Take</b>
10		<b>Affidavits.</b>
11	<b>Section 20014.</b>	<b>Registration Clerks Not to Charge Fees.</b>
12	<b>Section 20015.</b>	<b>Return of Documents by Registration Clerks.</b>
13	<b>Section 20016.</b>	<b>Penalties for Acts of Omissions.</b>
14	<b>Section 20017.</b>	<b>Reports to the Attorney General.</b>
15	<b>Section 20018.</b>	<b>Costs to Registration Clerks.</b>
16	<b>Section 20019.</b>	<b>Certified Copy of Registration as Evidence.</b>
17	<b>Section 20020.</b>	<b>Report of Deaths.</b>
18	<b>Section 20021.</b>	<b>Action to Compel Registration.</b>
19	<b>Section 20022.</b>	<b>Action to Compel Cancellation.</b>
20	<b>Section 20023.</b>	<b>Preservation of Registration Affidavits.</b>
21	<b>Section 20024.</b>	<b>Index of Registrations.</b>
22	<b>Section 20025.</b>	<b>Copies of Index to Candidates.</b>
23	<b>Section 20026.</b>	<b>Establishment of Chamorro Registry Advisory</b>
24		<b>Board: Composition; Removal of Members;</b>
25		<b>Chairperson; Quorum.</b>
26	<b>Section 20027.</b>	<b>Same: Ex-officio and Nonvoting Members.</b>
27	<b>Section 20028.</b>	<b>Same: Duties and Responsibilities.</b>
28	<b>Section 20029.</b>	<b>Same: Same: Provisions of Forms.</b>
29	<b>Section 20030.</b>	<b>Same: Same: Informational Brochures.</b>
30	<b>Section 20031.</b>	<b>Same: Powers of the Advisory Board.</b>

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**Section 20001. Definitions.** For the purpose of this Title:

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(a) **Chamorro** means those persons defined by the U.S. Congress in Section IV of the Organic Act of Guam (Act of August 1, 1950, 64 Stat. 384), pursuant to Article IX of the Treaty of Peace between the United States and Spain (signed in Paris, December 10, 1898, and proclaimed April 11, 1899), and their descendants:

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2 1) All inhabitants of the island of Guam on April 11, 1899,  
3 including those temporarily absent from the island on  
4 that date, who were Spanish subjects, who after that date  
5 continued to reside in Guam or other territory over which  
6 the United States exercises sovereignty, and have taken  
7 no affirmative steps to preserve or acquire foreign  
8 nationality; and

9  
10 2) All persons born in the island of Guam, who resided in  
11 Guam on April 11, 1899, including those temporarily  
12 absent from the island on that date, who after that date  
13 continued to reside in Guam or other territory over which  
14 the United States exercises sovereignty, and who have  
15 taken no affirmative steps to preserve or acquire foreign  
16 nationality.

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18 (b) **Descendant** means a person who has proceeded by birth, such  
19 as a child or grandchild, to the remotest degree, from any  
20 Chamorro as defined above and who is considered placed in a  
21 line of succession from such ancestor where such succession is  
22 by virtue of blood relations.

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24 (c) **The Chamorro Registry** means the index of names  
25 established by the Guam Election Commission for the purposes  
26 of registering and recording the names of Chamorros.

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28 (d) **The Commission** means the Guam Election Commission.

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30 (e) **The Board** means the Chamorro Registry Advisory Board  
31 established under the Guam Election Commission for the  
32 purposes of guiding the establishment, administration, and  
33 maintenance of the Chamorro Registry.

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35 **Section 20002. Affidavit of Registration.** No person shall be  
36 registered with the Chamorro Registry except by affidavit of  
37 registration made before the registration clerk of the district or  
38 municipality wherein such person resides, or before a registration

1 clerk in the office of the Guam Election Commission. The  
2 Commission shall prepare forms for the collection of data pertaining  
3 to registration eligibility, Chamorro family name, and residency. The  
4 Commission shall also require the submission of such additional  
5 information and proper documentation as will enable it to comply  
6 with this Chapter. The affidavit shall then be made in duplicate and  
7 shall set forth all the facts required to be set forth by this Title. Any  
8 change of residency must be reported to the Commission within thirty  
9 (30) days of such change.

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11 **Section 20003. Persons Entitled to Register or be Registered.**

12 Every person who is Chamorro, as defined in Section 20001 above, or  
13 who is descended from a Chamorro is entitled to register or, in the  
14 case of minors, be registered with the Chamorro Registry.

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16 **Section 20004. Same: Minors.** Individuals below the age of  
17 eighteen (18) years, who are eligible under Section 20003 of this  
18 Chapter to be registered with the Chamorro Registry, are considered  
19 minors and must be registered by a parent or legal guardian. Such  
20 parent or guardian must register such minor by affidavit of  
21 registration made before the registration of the district or municipality  
22 wherein such minor resides, or before a registration clerk in the office  
23 of the Commission. The Commission shall also require the  
24 submission of such additional information and proper documentation  
25 as will enable it to verify the relationship between parent/guardian  
26 and said minor and to comply with the rest of this Chapter. Any  
27 change of residency for such minor must be reported to the  
28 Commission within thirty (30) days of such change.

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30 **Section 20005. Same: Off-island Chamorros.** Persons, who are  
31 eligible under Section 20003 of this Chapter to register with the  
32 Chamorro Registry, but who are not on Guam at such time as they  
33 intend to register, may complete and submit, via certified mail, a  
34 notarized affidavit of registration to the Commission. Affidavits of  
35 registration shall be made available by the Commission. The  
36 Commission shall also require from such persons the submission of  
37 such additional information and proper documentation as will enable

1 it to comply with this Chapter. Any change of residency must be  
2 reported to the Commission within thirty (30) days of such change.

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4 **Section 20006. Same: Same: Minors.** Individuals below the age  
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6 Chapter to register with the Chamorro Registry, but who are not on  
7 Guam at such time as they are to be registered, may be registered by a  
8 parent or legal guardian who shall complete and submit, via certified  
9 mail, a notarized affidavit of registration to the Commission on behalf  
10 of said minor. The Commission shall require from such  
11 parent/guardian the submission of such additional information and  
12 proper documentation as will enable it to comply with this Chapter.  
13 Any change of residency must be reported to the Commission within  
14 thirty (30) days of such change.

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16 **Section 20007. Times for Registration.** A person may register with  
17 the Chamorro Registry at any time during the year except at such  
18 times when the Commission shall close the registration rolls for the  
19 purposes of conducting elections or plebiscites. At such times, the  
20 registration rolls shall be closed ten (10) days prior to such election or  
21 plebiscite.

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23 **Section 20008. Place of Registration.** Registration for Chamorros  
24 with the Chamorro Registry shall be in progress at the main office of  
25 the Commission during such hours as the office is open for business,  
26 prior to any closing of the registration rolls. Upon enactment of this  
27 Act, the Commission shall deputize as many volunteers to serve as  
28 registration clerks in each of the villages, for an undetermined period  
29 after the date of enactment, as is necessary for the purposes of  
30 registering eligible persons with the Chamorro Registry. Such  
31 registration shall take place at each mayor's office or any other place  
32 within the village designated by the Commission. Chamorros shall  
33 also be able to register with the Chamorro Registry at such times and  
34 places within the Territory as the Commission shall deem advisable  
35 and convenient, and the Commission shall deputize volunteers for  
36 such purposes as well.

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1       **Section 20009. Unlawful Registration as a Crime.** Any person  
2 who willfully cause, procure, or allows himself or any person to be  
3 registered with the Chamorro Registry, knowing himself or that other  
4 person not to be entitled to register with the Chamorro Registry,  
5 knowing himself or that other person not to be entitled to registration,  
6 is guilty of perjury as a misdemeanor. An individual who is guilty of  
7 submitting a false affidavit of registration with the Chamorro  
8 Registry shall have such affidavit of registration automatically  
9 revoked.

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11       **Section 20010. Permanence of Records.** The registration of a  
12 Chamorro is permanent for all purposes.

13             It shall be the duty of the Commission to send to each  
14 registered Chamorro a card indicating that such person has been  
15 registered with the Chamorro Registry.

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17       **Section 20011. Qualification of Registration Clerks for the**  
18 **Chamorro Registry.** The Commission may appoint any qualified  
19 adult as a registration clerk. No person holding an elective office or  
20 who is a candidate for elective office shall be appointed as a  
21 registration clerk. Under no circumstances may such a volunteer  
22 clerk deny registration to a person eligible to register or be registered  
23 with the Chamorro Registry.

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25       **Section 20012. Compensation for Registration Clerks.** Section  
26 3111, Chapter 3, Title 3, applies.

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28       **Section 20013. Registration Clerks Empowered to Take**  
29 **Affidavits.** Section 3112, Chapter 3, Title 3, applies.

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31       **Section 20014. Registration Clerks Not to Charge Fees.** Section  
32 3113, Chapter 3, Title 3, applies.

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34       **Section 20015. Return of Documents by Registration Clerks.** All  
35 registration clerks shall return all affidavits of registration and all  
36 books or pads in their possession containing stubs, spoiled affidavits,  
37 or unused affidavit blanks to the Commission which shall file the  
38 original and copy of each affidavit separately in securely locked

1 container or storage space. The timetable for submission of  
2 documents by registration clerks and the organization of affidavits  
3 shall be determined by the Commission. The original affidavit of  
4 registration shall be kept, at all times, in the office of the  
5 Commission. The duplicates shall be bound in suitable book or form.  
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7 **Section 20016. Penalties for Acts or Omissions.** Any person  
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9 who:

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36 action.  
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3 cultural agency or Chamorro cultural program;  
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6 Chamorro historical or genealogical work; and  
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11 Chamorro Registry. Where such duties overlap with duties relative to  
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14 Commission shall have the final decision-making authority.

15 The Board shall recommend to the Commission the suspension  
16 from the performance of said duties any of said clerks who shall fail  
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25 responsibility of the Commission to provide all necessary forms as  
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29 **Section 20030. Same: Same: Informational Brochures.** It shall  
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