

THE THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF AMERICAN SAMOA

First Regular Session

Begun and held at Fagatogo, Tutuila, American Samoa
on Monday, the fourteenth day of January
two thousand and nineteen

AN ACT AMENDING THE COMPOSITION, QUALIFICATIONS, AND NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN SAMOA VISITORS BUREAU BOARD; AMENDING SECTIONS 17.0611 AND 17.0612 A.S.C.A.

Preamble:

WHEREAS, tourism is an underdeveloped industry that must be grown to strengthen the economy of American Samoa; and

WHEREAS, the American Samoa Visitors Bureau Board plays an important role in improving the tourism industry; and

WHEREAS, the current qualification and composition requirements of the board make selecting members unduly difficult; and

WHEREAS, members from the National Park Service cannot serve on this board; and

WHEREAS, this bill aims to streamline board selection and action which will allow vital decisions affecting the tourism industry to be made more efficiently.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF AMERICAN SAMOA:

Section 1. 17.0611 is amended to read:

“17.0611 Creation of the American Samoa Visitors Bureau Board.

There is created the American Samoa Visitors Bureau Board consisting of seven five (7~~5~~) members nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature of American Samoa.”

Sec 2. 17.0612 is amended to read:

“17.0612 Composition and qualifications of board members—Chairman—Terms—Quorum.

(a) The board shall consist of the following members:

(1) one member shall be ~~an employee of~~ selected from the Department of Commerce;

(2) one member shall be selected from the Office of Samoan Affairs;

(3) two members shall be selected from the ~~American Samoa Visitors Association (ASVA) from individuals who possess at least five years experience in the airline, travel agency, or hotel, or lodging, or cruise ship industries. The individuals selected under this subsection cannot be from the same industry, and not more than one may be selected from individuals residing outside of American Samoa; and~~

~~(4) one member shall possess at least five years experience in the cruise ship industry, and is currently employed with, or owns a cruise ship agency service. This member may be selected from individuals residing outside of American Samoa;~~

~~(5) one member shall be selected from the American Samoa Chamber of Commerce; and~~

~~(6) one member shall be selected from the National Park Service of American Samoa.~~

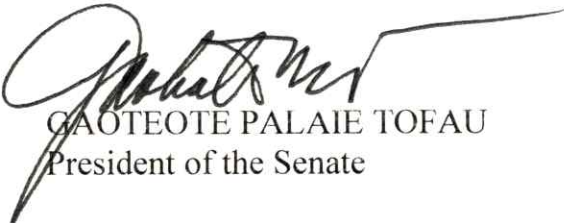
(b) The board shall select its own chairman.

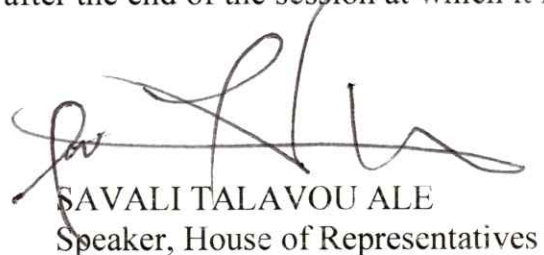
(c) The first board selected shall have ~~four~~ three members appointed for term of three years, and ~~three~~ two members appointed for terms of two years. All subsequent members appointed shall be for terms of three years each.

(d) Three members, ~~plus the chairman,~~ shall constitute a quorum."

Sec 3. Effective date.

In accordance with Article II, Section 19 of the Revised Constitution of American Samoa, this bill shall become effective 60 days after the end of the session at which it has been passed.


GAOTEOTE PALAIE TOFAU
President of the Senate


SAVALI TALAVOU ALE
Speaker, House of Representatives

Hereby Approved this 19th day of February 20 19

Governor of American Samoa

NOFOAIGA TOLUSEFULU-ONO FONOFAITULAFONO AMERIKA SAMOA

Fono Tele Muamua

Nofolia ma usuia i Fagatogo, Tutuila, Amerika Samoa
Aso Gafua, aso sefulufa o Ianuari
Lua afe sefuluiva

O SE TULAFONO E SUIA AI LE FAUSAGA, O AGAVAA, MA LE NUMERA O TOTINO O LE KOMITI FAAFOE O VAEGA O TAGATA MALAGA ASIASI MAI; SUIA AI MAGA 17.0611 MA LE 17.0612 T.T.A.S.

Faatomuaga:

- TALUAI, o le vaega o turisi e lē o atoatoa lava ona atia'e ae tatau ona tupu ina ia faamalosiā ai le tamaoaiga o Amerika Samoa; ma
- TALUAI, o le Komiti Faafae o le Vaega lenē o Tagata Malaga Asiāsi/Tafafao mai, e taua la latou matafaioi i le faaleleia o le Turisi; ma
- TALUAI, o agavaa o loo i ai nei, ma manaoga o le fausiaina o le komiti faafae ua faafaigata ai le filifilia o totino; ma
- TALUAI, e le mafai ona i ai o toitno o le Vaega o Paka a le Malo i le komiti; ma
- TALUAI, o le pili lenē ua faamoemoe ia faafaigofie ai le filifiliga ma gaoioiga fai ina ia mafai ai ona faia o faaiuga taua e aafia ai galuega tau turisi.

IA FAATULAFONOINA E LE FONOFAITULAFONO O AMERIKA SAMOA:

Maga 1. 17.0611 ua suia nei e faitauina faapea:

“17.0611 Faatuina o le Komiti Faafae o Tagata Malaga Asiāsi/Tafafao mai.

Ua faatuina nei le Komiti Faafae mo Tagata Malaga Tafafao mai e toāfitu to'alima (75) totino e tofia e le Kovana ma faamaonia e le Faonofaitulafono o Amerika Samoa.”

Maga 2 17.0612 ua suia nei e faitauina faapea:

“17.0612 Fausaga ma agavaa o totino o le komiti faafae—Taitaifono—Umi nofoia ai—Kalama.

(a) O totino nei o le a ta'ua i lalo o le komiti faafae:

(1) e toatasi le totino ~~o se tagata faigaluega a e filifilia mai~~ le Matagaluega o Fefaatauaiga;

(2) e toatasi e filifilia mai le Ofisa o Mataupu Tau Samoa;

(3) e to'aluva totino e filifili mai ~~Asosi a Tagata Malaga Asiasi Mai mai tagata e i ai le tomai i mea tau kamupani vaalele, ofisa malaga, pō faletalimalo, pō faletalimalo laiti, poo vaega o meli la'upasese. O tagata e filifilia i lalo o leni soamaga e le mafai ona omai i le ituaiga galuega e tasi, ma e le silia i le toatasi e mafai ona filifilia mai tagata e alala i fafo atu o Amerika Samoa; ma~~

(4) e toatasi e tataua ona i ai le tomai i mea tau meli la'upasese, ma o loo galue, pe ana ia foi se ofisa e galue mo meli la'upasese. O le totino lea e mafai ona filifilia mai tagata o loo nonofo i fafo atu o Amerika Samoa;

(5) e toatasi le totino e filifilia mai le Vaega o le Au Faipisinisi; ma

(6) e toatasi e filifilia mai le Vaega o Paka Faasao a Amerika Samoa.

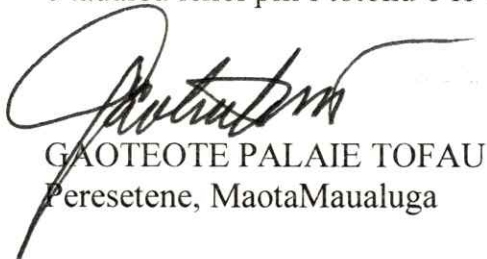
(e) E filifilia e le komiti lava ia lo latou taitaifono.

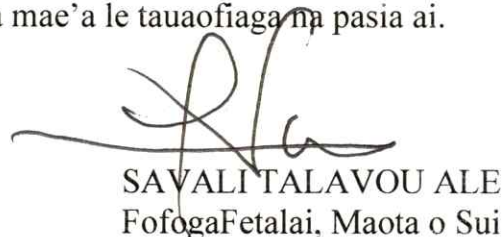
(i) O le uluai komiti faafoe e filifilia e to'a fa' tolu ona sui e tofia mo le taitolu tausaga, ma leisi toa ~~tolu~~ lua e tofia mo le ta'i lua tausaga. O isi totino e filifilia mulimuli ane ai, e taitolu uma o latou tausaga.

(o) E toatolu totino, faatasi ai ma le taitaifono, e maua ai le kalama."

Maga 3. Aso e taualoa ai.

Ina ia tusa ai ma le Vaega II, Maga 19 o le Faavae Toe Teuteu o Amerika Samoa, e taualoa leni pili i totonu o le 60 aso talu ona mae'a le tauaofiaga na pasia ai.


GAOTEOTE PALAIE TOFAU
Peresetene, MaotaMauaLuga


SAVALI TALAVOU ALE
FofogaFetalai, Maota o Sui

Hereby Approved this 19th day of Febraury 20 19


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