

TITLE 48 - TERRITORIES AND INSULAR POSSESSIONS**CHAPTER 8A - GUAM****SUBCHAPTER I - GENERAL PROVISIONS****§ 1421. Territory included under name Guam**

The territory ceded to the United States in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty of Peace between the United States and Spain, signed at Paris, December 10, 1898, and proclaimed April 11, 1899, and known as the island of Guam in the Marianas Islands, shall continue to be known as Guam.

(Aug. 1, 1950, ch. 512, § 2, 64 Stat. 384.)

Effective Date; Continuation of Federal Administration

Section 34 of act Aug. 1, 1950, provided that on the 21st day of July 1950, the authority and powers conferred by this chapter would come into force, and authorized the President, for a period not to exceed one year from Aug. 1, 1950, to continue the administration of Guam in all or in some respects as provided by law, Executive order, or local regulation in force on Aug. 1, 1950. It further authorized the President in his discretion to place in operation all or some of the provisions of this chapter if practicable before the expiration of the period of one year.

Short Title of 2002 Amendment

Pub. L. 107–212, § 1, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1051, provided that: “This Act [amending section 1421i of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 1421i of this title] may be cited as the ‘Guam Foreign Investment Equity Act’.”

Short Title of 1998 Amendment

Pub. L. 105–291, § 1, Oct. 27, 1998, 112 Stat. 2785, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 1421g, 1423a, and 1423b of this title] may be cited as the ‘Guam Organic Act Amendments of 1998’.”

Short Title of 1968 Amendments

Pub. L. 90–601, § 1, Oct. 17, 1968, 82 Stat. 1172, provided that: “This Act [enacting sections 1428 to 1428e of this title] may be cited as the ‘Guam Development Fund Act of 1968’.”

Pub. L. 90–497, § 14, Sept. 11, 1968, 82 Stat. 848, provided that: “This Act [enacting section 1422d of this title and section 335 of Title 10, Armed Forces, amending sections 1421a, 1421b, 1421c, 1421d, 1421f, 1422, 1422a, 1422b, 1422c, 1423b, 1423h, and 1423i of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section and section 1422 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Guam Elective Governor Act’.”

Short Title

Section 1 of act Aug. 1, 1950, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter and amending section 703 of Title 8, Aliens and Nationality] may be cited as the ‘Organic Act of Guam’.”

Political Union Between Territory of Guam and Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands, Effects on Rights and Entitlements

In event of political union between Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, there shall be no diminution of rights or entitlements, nor any adverse effects on any funds authorized or appropriated, see section 1844 of this title.

Analysis of Capital Infrastructure Needs of Guam for 1985 to 1990 Timeframe; Report to Congress; Contents

Pub. L. 95–348, § 1(a)(6), Aug. 18, 1978, 92 Stat. 487, provided that the Secretary prepare and transmit to the Congress no later than July 1, 1979, an analysis of the capital infrastructure needs of Guam for the 1985 to 1990 timeframe.

Submerged Lands, Conveyance to Territory

Conveyance of submerged lands to the government of Guam, see section 1701 et seq. of this title.

Ex. Ord. No. 10077. Transfer of Administration of Guam

Ex. Ord. No. 10077, eff. Sept. 7, 1949, 14 F.R. 5523, as amended by Ex. Ord. No. 10137, eff. June 30, 1950, 15 F.R. 4241, provided:

1. The administration of the Island of Guam is hereby transferred from the Secretary of the Navy to the Secretary of the Interior, such transfer to become effective on August 1, 1950.
2. The Department of the Navy and the Department of the Interior shall proceed with the plans for the transfer of the administration of the Island of Guam as embodied in the above mentioned memorandum of understanding between the two departments.
3. When the transfer of administration made by this order becomes effective, the Secretary of the Interior shall take such action as may be necessary and appropriate, and in harmony with applicable law, for the administration of civil government on the Island of Guam.
4. The executive departments and agencies of the Government are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Departments of the Navy and Interior in the effectuation of the provisions of this order.
5. The said Executive Order No. 108-A of December 23, 1898, is revoked, effective July 1, 1950.