

(S. B. 316)

(No. 10)

(Approved May 20, 2005)

AN ACT

To amend Section 5, renumber it as Section 4, repeal Sections 4, 6, and 7 of Act No. 181 of July 20, 1979, as amended, in order to eliminate the Joint Committee of the Legislature for the Awarding of the Medal of the Legislature of Puerto Rico, and assign the functions regarding the Medal to the Joint Committee on the Granting of Medals and Awards of the Legislature.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

Last November 2, 2004, the People of Puerto Rico gave a mandate to this Legislature to be more strict and conservative in the use of public funds, among other things. This mandate together with another through which the elimination or cut of standing legislative committees, whether created by law or by resolutions, was demanded; since by doing so there would be savings in the budget, and at the same time the efficiency of the legislature would be increased.

Due to said mandate, since its beginning, the Fifteenth Legislature, deemed it was necessary to undertake a process of dramatic cuts in the number of existing committees. To such purposes, it is imperative to amend the laws of many committees, so that their functions and jurisdictions may be assumed by other committees. This is the case of Act No. 181 of July 20, 1979, as amended.

It is important to mention that the amendments to Act No. 181 do not have the intention to eliminate the worthy selection of a recipient of the Medal of the Legislature of Puerto Rico, but rather to consolidate all steps to be taken in the granting of this Medal as well as other medals and awards of the Legislature in a single Joint Committee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.- Section 5 of Act No. 181 of July 20, 1979, as amended, is hereby amended, to read as follows:

“Section 4.- The Joint Committee on the Granting of Medals and Awards of the Legislature shall receive nominations and recommendations regarding the citizens who deserve to receive this distinction. The candidate selected may be chosen from among persons recommended by citizens or public or private entities or from the Committee itself.”

Section 2.- Sections 4, 6, and 7 of Act No. 181 of July 20, 1979, as amended, are hereby repealed.

Section 3.- This Act shall take effect immediately after its approval.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following Act No. 10 (S.B. 316) of the 1st Session of the 15th Legislature of Puerto Rico:

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has been translated from Spanish to English and that the English version is correct.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, today 19th of September of 2005.

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Director