

(H. B. 991)

**(No. 13)**

(Approved May 25, 2005)

**AN ACT**

To repeal Act No. 46 of June 10, 1953, as amended, in order to eliminate the Committee on Joint Activities of the Legislature of Puerto Rico.

**STATEMENT OF MOTIVES**

Act No. 46 of June 10, 1953, as amended, created the Committee on Joint Activities of the Legislature of Puerto Rico with the purpose of studying the organization, structure, and functioning of the Legislature, recommend measures to make its procedures more efficient, simplify its operations, and improve its relations with other branches of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

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 such mandate, since its beginning, the Fifteenth (15) 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 repeal the laws or sections, which direct the creation of many committees, so that

their functions and jurisdictions may be assumed by other committees. The Committee on Joint Activities of the Legislature of Puerto Rico is among those that may be eliminated without causing further adverse consequences, thus propitiating legislative savings.

It is important to mention that the repeal of Act No. 46, which creates this Joint Committee, does not affect any joint works and activities to be performed by the Legislature.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO:**

Section 1.- Act No. 46 of June 10, 1953, as amended is hereby repealed.

Section 2.- This Act shall take effect immediately after its approval.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following Act No. 13 (H.B. 991) of the 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> of September of 2005.

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Director