

(H. B. 993)

(No. 14)

(Approved May 25, 2005)

AN ACT

To repeal Act No. 4 of September 27, 1951, in order to eliminate the Investigating Committee of the Legislature of Puerto Rico.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

Act No. 4 of September 27, 1951, created the Investigating Committee of the Legislature of Puerto Rico, in order to carry out investigations of public interest which have been or will be agreed upon or ordered by both Legislative Bodies through motions, concurrent resolutions, resolutions, or otherwise, provided, that said investigations had not been entrusted to any other committee.

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 amend the laws or sections, which direct the creation of many committees, so that

their functions and jurisdictions may be assumed by other committees. The Investigating Committee 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. 4, *supra*, which creates this Investigating Committee, does not affect any of the works and activities of the constitutional, legal, and regulating prerogatives of the Legislature.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.- Act No. 4 of September 27, 1951 is hereby repealed, in order to eliminate the Investigating Committee of the Legislature of Puerto Rico.

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. 14 (H.B. 993) 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