

(H. B. 2958)
(Conference)

(No. 81-2016)

(Approved July 22, 2016)

AN ACT

To create the “Elections Support Fund” and define the uses thereof; amend Section 6 of Act No. 45 of April 18, 1935, as amended, to provide for the transfer, on Fiscal Year 2016-2017, of a sum estimated in one million, six hundred forty thousand five hundred eighty-two dollars (\$1,640,582) from the identified savings and/or reserve accounts of the Industrial Commission to the “Elections Support Fund”; amend Section 2 of Act No. 20 of April 9, 1976, as amended, to provide for the transfer, on Fiscal Year 2016-2017, of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) from account number 0750000-238-081-1998 or any other created for the same purposes to the “Elections Support Fund” and provide for the transfer, on Fiscal Year 2016-2017, of two million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) from account number 0750000-238-081-1998 or any other created for the same purposes to the “Special Education Student’s Therapy and Service Fund”; amend subsection (d) of Section 417 of Act No. 60 of June 18, 1963, as amended, to provide for the transfer, on Fiscal Year 2016-2017, of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from account number 0750000-238-780-1998 or any other created for the same purposes to the “Elections Support Fund,” and to provide for the transfer, on Fiscal Year 2016-2017, of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from account number 0750000-238-780-1998 or any other created for the same purposes to the “Special Education Student’s Therapy and Service Fund”; amend subsection (a)(2) of Section 3 of Act No. 52 of August 11, 1989, as amended, to provide for the transfer, on Fiscal Year 2016-2017, of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from account number 0750000-238-779-1998, or any other created for the same purposes to the “Elections Support Fund”; amend Section 17.03 of Act No. 164-2009, as amended, to provide for the transfer, on Fiscal Year 2016-2017, of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) from account number 0230000-245-081-2010 or any other created for the same purposes to the “Elections Support Fund,” and to provide for the transfer, on Fiscal Year 2016-2017, of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from account number 0230000-245-081-2010 or in any other created for the same purposes to the “Special Education Student’s Therapy and Service Fund”; amend subsection (a)(1) of Section 2.2 of Act No. 83-2010, as amended, to provide for the transfer, on

Fiscal Year 2016-2017, of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) from account number 1320000-274-081-2011 from the resources that shall continue to be covered into said account or any other created for the same purposes to the “Elections Support Fund” and to provide for the transfer, on Fiscal Year 2016-2017, of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) from account number 1320000-274-081-2011 or any other created for the same purposes to the “Special Education Student’s Therapy and Service Fund”; amend Section 14 of Act No. 20-2012, as amended, to provide for the transfer, on Fiscal Year 2016-2017, of one million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) from account number 1190000-237-081-2012 or any other created for the same purposes to the “Elections Support Fund” and to provide for the transfer, on Fiscal Year 2016-2017, of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) from account number 1190000-237-081-2012 or any other created for the same purposes to the “Special Education Student’s Therapy and Service Fund”; amend subsection (b) of Section 21 of Act No. 4 of October 11, 1985, as amended, to provide for the transfer, on Fiscal Year 2016-2017, of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from account number 0750000-238-781-1998 or any other created for the same purposes to the “Elections Support Fund”; amend Section 2 of Act No. 66 of May 27, 1976, as amended, to provide for the transfer, on Fiscal Year 2016-2017, of one million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) from account number 0220000-239-081-1998 or any other created for the same purposes to the “Elections Support Fund” and to provide for the transfer, on Fiscal Year 2016-2017, of one million, two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) from account number 0220000-239-081-1998 or any other created for the same purposes to the “Special Education Student’s Therapy and Service Fund”; amend subsection (a) of Section 17 of Act No. 73-2008, as amended, to provide that, of the percentage of revenues that nurture the fund created thereunder, the sum of three million, six hundred fifty-nine thousand four hundred eighteen dollars (\$3,659,418) be allocated to the “Elections Support Fund” and to provide for the transfer, on Fiscal Year 2016-2017, of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from account number 278-166-779-2014 or any other created for the same purposes to the “Special Education Student’s Therapy and Service Fund”; to order the transfer of two million, three hundred thousand dollars (\$2,300,000) from account number 0220000-239-781-1998, described as “*Estabilizar Derechos Presentac.*” to the “Elections Support Fund”; provide the term to make transfers; provide for the authorization to make transfers between the items provided in the funds created by law; provide that no debt shall be generated for sums not appropriated for Fiscal Year 2016-2017; amend Section 10.10 of Act No. 78-2011, as amended; and for other purposes.

STATEMENT OF MOTIVES

The fiscal situation of the Island compels us to maximize the optimum and efficient use of the available resources in order to set public affairs on the right path. As part of the efforts made to address the current fiscal crisis in a structured manner, we have identified and evaluated different sources of funds available every year to finance nonrecurring expenditures, which shall be incurred as part of the democratic process that involves holding general elections in November 2016.

Hence, we have earmarked a series of resources and/or special funds from different government entities. Said resources shall be used to make certain appropriations relating to the general elections to be held in November 2016, thus covering some of the appropriations that would otherwise be defrayed from the General Fund.

Furthermore, we deem it imperative to maximize the fiscal resources from other sources to address the needs of the Special Education Program of the Department of Education. Therefore, the sum of seven million, seven hundred thousand dollars (\$7,700,000) is hereby allocated to the Special Education Student Services and Therapy Fund.

This Administration believes that this legislative proposal is a prudent and responsible alternative in the management of public funds.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF PUERTO RICO:

Section 1.- There is hereby created the “Elections Support Fund,” which shall be under the control and custody of the Office of Management and Budget, without fiscal year limitation. This Fund may be nurtured from legislative, municipal, federal, or private appropriations, or of any other kind and the matching or combination thereof shall be allowed. The funds deposited therein shall be kept in a special account in the Department of the Treasury and shall be used for the following purposes:

a.	To defray the overtime pay to the Puerto Rico Police as the result of duties performed during the election process.	\$10,000,000
b.	For the Special Fund for Election Campaign Financing, as provided in Section 9.000 of Act No. 222-2011, to finance campaign expenditures of political parties.	14,000,000
c.	For the Election Fund in accordance with Section 8.000 of Act No. 222-2011, in order to defray administrative expenses of political parties.	1,600,000
	Total	\$25,600,000

Such funds shall be appropriated once the State Election Commission certifies to the Department of the Treasury that the provisions of Section 10.010 of Act No. 78-2011, as amended, have been complied with.

Section 2.- Section 6 of Act No. 45 of April 18, 1935, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 6.- Organization of Worker’s Compensation Services; Administrator of the State Insurance Fund; Industrial Commission.-

I. Service Organizations.-

...

II. Means and Methods.-

...

(y) Finances; State Insurance Fund’s Budget.- The finances for the administration of this service shall be subject to the following rules:

The Office of the Administrator of the State Insurance Fund ...

All expenses incurred to carry out the work ...

The resulting differences between the sums spent annually by the Industrial Commission and the Office of the Administrator of the State Insurance Fund Corporation, and the total amount that said bodies may dispose of for their budget by virtue of this Section, with the exception of the remainders of medical expenses, shall be covered annually into a savings account that is separate and independent from its operating budget, which may be used for administrative and operating expenses. Said use shall be authorized for a term of two (2) years and the expenses thus covered shall not encumber budgets beyond such term. Once the two-year term provided herein elapses, it may only be used for non-recurring items, in other words, expenses that shall not encumber future budgets. Provided, that for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, any balance in the savings and/or reserve accounts of the Industrial Commission shall be transferred to the '2015-2016 Legal Liability Fund.' Specifically, not to be construed as an exhaustive list of the transfer provided herein, there is hereby directed the transfer of the balance in the accounts of the Department of the Treasury's accounting system, whose numbers are: 1050000-575-780-2004, 1050000-575-780-2005, 1050000-575-780-2006, 1050000-575-780-2007, 1050000-575-780-2008, 1050000-575-780-2009, 1050000-575-780-2010, 1050000-575-780-2011, 1050000-575-780-2012, 1050000-575-780-2013, and 1050000-575-780-2014, the sum of which is estimated in nine million, seven hundred and thirteen thousand, three hundred and forty-eight dollars (\$9,713,348). Provided, further, that for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the current balance in the following savings and/or reserve accounts of the Department of the Treasury's accounting system, 1050000-575-098-2014, 1050000-575-098-2015, 1050000-575-780-2014, 1050000-575-780-2015 shall be transferred to the 'Elections Support Fund,' the sum of which is estimated in one million, six hundred and forty thousand, five hundred and eighty-two dollars (\$1,640,582).

Section 3.- Section 2 of Act No. 20 of April 9, 1976, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 2.- Use of Funds.-

The money so covered into the Fund...

Provided, further, that for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, the sum of twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) in account number 0750000-238-081-1998 of the Department of the Treasury’s accounting system shall be transferred from this Fund to the ‘Special Education Student’s Therapy and Service Fund,’ created by Act No. 73-2014. Provided, further, that for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the sum of two million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) in account number 0750000-238-081-1998 of the Department of the Treasury’s accounting system, shall be transferred from this Fund to the ‘Special Education Students Service and Therapy Fund,’ created by Act No. 73-2014. Provided, further, that for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) shall be transferred from account number 0750000-238-081-1998 or any other account created for the same purposes in the Department of the Treasury’s accounting system to the ‘Elections Support Fund.’

Section 4.- Subsection (d) of Section 417 of Act No. 60 of June 18, 1963, as amended, known as the “Uniform Securities Act,” is hereby amended, to read as follows:

“Section 417.- Special Fund.-

(a) ...

(b) ...

(c) ...

(d) Temporary Provision. For the purpose of contributing towards defraying the operating expenses of the Cooperative Development Commission (COOPDC) of the Government of Puerto Rico, the Office of the Commissioner of Financial Institutions (OCFI) shall allocate two million dollars (\$2,000,000)

annually during fiscal years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 from the funds generated under the provisions of Section 417, known as the “Fund for Investor and Consumer Education in Relation with the Financial System and for the Training of the Personnel of the Office of the Financial Institutions Commissioner,” of Act No. 24 of June 2, 2009, as amended. Said annual allocation shall be transferred to the Secretary of the Treasury who shall create and keep a special account in favor of the COOPDC to defray its operating expenses during fiscal years 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. The Secretary of the Treasury shall promptly promulgate regulations to provide the mechanisms for COOPDC to access such funds. Once the aforementioned particular purpose has concluded and been accomplished, the allocation from the Office of the Commissioner of Financial Institutions to said special account shall cease on July 1, 2013. Provided, that, for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, the sum of four million, eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$4,850,000) shall be transferred from the ‘Fund for Investor and Consumer Education in Relation with the Financial System and for the Training of the Personnel of the Office of the Financial Institutions Commissioner,’ created in this Section to the ‘Legal Liability Fund.’ Likewise, for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, the sum of two million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) in account number 0750000-238-780-1998, or in any other created for the same purposes in the Department of the Treasury’s accounting system shall be transferred from said Fund to the ‘Special Education Student’s Therapy and Service Fund,’ created by Act No. 73-2014. Provided, further, that for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) in account number 0750000-238-780-1998 of the Department of the Treasury’s accounting system, shall be transferred from this Fund to the ‘Special Education Students Service and Therapy Fund,’ created by Act No. 73-2014. Provided, further, that for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) shall be transferred from account 0750000-238-780-1998 or any other account created for

the same purposes in the Department of the Treasury’s accounting system to the ‘Elections Support Fund.’”

Section 5.- Subsection (a)(2) of Section 3 of Act No. 52 of August 11, 1989, as amended, known as the “International Banking Center Regulatory Act,” is hereby amended, to read as follows:

“Section 3.- Authority and Duties of the Commissioner.-

(a) The Commissioner shall:

(1) ...

(2) Collect fees for examinations and audits, receive monies and make disbursements according to its budget or as otherwise provided by law or regulations; provided, that, for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, of the funds collected on this account or any other in accordance with this Act, the sum of two million, seven hundred thousand dollars (\$2,700,000) in account number 0750000-238-779-1998, or in any other created for the same purposes in the Department of the Treasury’s accounting system shall be transferred to the ‘2015-2016 Legal Liability Fund.’ Provided, further, that for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) shall be transferred from account 0750000-238-779-1998 or any other account created for the same purposes in the Department of the Treasury’s accounting system to the ‘Elections Support Fund.’

(3) ...

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(12) ...

(b) ...

(c) ...

(d) ...”

Section 6.- Section 17.03 of Act No. 164-2009, as amended, known as the “General Corporations Act,” is hereby amended, to read as follows:

“Section 17.03.- Distribution of Funds Generated by Fees Payable, Special Account of the Department of State and General Fund.-

Until June 30, 2016 ...

After June 30, 2016 ...

Provided, that, notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in account number 0230000-245-081-2010, or any other created for the same purposes in the Department of the Treasury’s accounting system shall be transferred from this special account to the ‘Special Education Student’s Therapy and Service Fund,’ created by Act No. 73-2014. Provided, further, that for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) in account number 0230000-245-081-2010 of the Department of the Treasury’s accounting system shall be transferred from this Fund to the ‘Special Education Students Service and Therapy Fund,’ created by Act No. 73-2014. Provided, further, that for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) shall be transferred from account 023000-245-081-2010 or any other account created for the same purposes in the Department of the Treasury’s accounting system to the ‘Elections Support Fund.’”

Section 7.- Subsection (a)(1) of Section 2.2 of Act No. 83-2010, as amended, known as the “Green Energy Incentives Act of Puerto Rico,” is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 2.2.- Green Energy Fund Creation; Special Deposit.-

(a) A special fund is hereby created and established to be denominated the Green Energy Fund of Puerto Rico, separate from the General Fund of the Government of Puerto Rico. The Department of the Treasury shall establish said fund as a special fund, separate from other government funds, as provided hereinbelow:

(1) Starting on Fiscal Year 2011-2012, ...

In the event that the collections of such excise taxes are insufficient to cover the amounts herein appropriated, there shall be no debt, obligation, commitment whatsoever with public entities or third parties due to the partial or total omission of sufficient resources to cover the same. Provided, that for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, the sum of four million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000) of the balance available in this Fund as of the date of the approval of this Act shall be transferred to the ‘Legal Liability Fund.’ Provided, further, that for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in account number 1320000-274-081-2011, or in any other created for the same purposes in the Department of the Treasury’s accounting system shall be transferred from this Fund to the ‘2015-2016 Legal Liability Fund.’ Provided, further, that for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the sum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in account number 1320000-274-081-2011 of the Department of the Treasury’s accounting system shall be transferred from this Fund to the ‘Special Education Students Service and Therapy Fund,’ created by Act No. 73-2014. Provided, further, that for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) shall be transferred from said account 1320000-274-081-2011 from the resources that continue to be covered into

same, or any other account created for the same purposes in the Department of the Treasury's accounting system to the 'Elections Support Fund.'”

(2) ...

...”

Section 8.- Section 14 of Act No. 20-2012, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 14.- Special Fund for the Development of Services for Export and Promotion.

In General.- The Secretary of the Treasury shall establish a special fund, known as the ‘Special Fund for the Development of Services for Export and Promotion’ (‘Special Fund’). During the effectiveness of this Act, ten percent (10%) of the revenues arising from the income tax paid by eligible businesses that hold a decree under this Act shall be covered into said fund. The Special Fund for Economic Development of Act No. 73-2008 shall contribute the amount of five (5) million for the Fiscal Year in which this Act is approved, and five (5) million for the following Fiscal Year.

The monies of the Special Fund established herein shall be managed by the Secretary and shall be used exclusively for the following purposes:

- (a) ...
- (b) ...
- (c) ...
- (d) ...
- (e) ...
- (f) ...

(g) Defray the costs associated with campaigns directed to promote in the United States and at the international level the incentives and activities of the International Insurance Center of Puerto Rico, created by Act No. 399-2004, as amended, and the International Financial Center created by Act No. 273-2012, as amended, known as the ‘International Financial Center Regulatory Act.’

The Secretary, with the advice of the Executive Director, shall establish through regulations the terms, conditions, eligibility, and criteria to be used in the disbursement of money from the Special Fund. The disbursement of monies from the Special Fund shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Director and its Board of Directors.

Provided that, notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in account number 1190000-237-081-2012, or any other created for the same purposes in the Department of the Treasury’s accounting system shall be transferred from this Fund to the ‘2015-2016 Legal Liability Fund.’ Provided, further, that for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the sum of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) in account number 1190000-237-081-2012 of the Department of the Treasury’s accounting system shall be transferred from this Fund to the ‘Special Education Students Service and Therapy Fund,’ created by Act No. 73-2014. Provided, further, that for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the sum of one million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) shall be transferred from said account 1190000-237-081-2012 or any other account created for the same purposes in the Department of the Treasury’s accounting system to the ‘Elections Support Fund.’”

Section 9.- Subsection (b) of Section 21 of Act No. 4 of October 11, 1985, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 21.- Special Fund

(a) ...

(b) The Commissioner may, in his discretion, engage in any effort he believes shall contribute to a better orientation and education of consumers in their dealings with the financial industry and use such funds for purposes, among others, such as providing resources to such entities, divisions and/or programs that aim to accomplish the purposes established under this Fund, as well as covering the operating expenses entailed by the administration thereof. Provided, that for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) shall be transferred from account 0750000-238-781-1998 or any other account created for the same purposes in the Department of the Treasury’s accounting system to the ‘Elections Support Fund.’

(c) ...”

Section 10.- Section 2 of Act No. 66 of May 27, 1976, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 2.-

The income generated as a result of the provisions...

Since the annual fee established in Sections 2.071 and 7.1010 of Act No. 77 of June 19, 1957, as amended, may only be amended every five (5) years. At the end of each fiscal year the Commissioner shall retain any surplus remaining in the Insurance Industry Investigation and Examination Fund to defray the budgetary needs of the Office of the Insurance Commissioner when the Fund’s income is not sufficient to cover them. For Fiscal Year 2010-2011, the sum of thirteen million five hundred fourteen thousand dollars (\$13,514,000) shall be transferred from the Insurance Industry Supervision and Regulation Fund to the Puerto Rico Economic

and Social Support Fund. Furthermore, for Fiscal Year 2011-2012, the sum of eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) shall be transferred from this Fund to the 2011-2012 Budget Support Fund. Provided, further, that for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the sum of one million, two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) in account number 0220000-239-081-1998 of the Department of the Treasury's accounting system shall be transferred from this Fund to the 'Special Education Students Service and Therapy Fund,' created by Act No. 73-2014. Provided, further, that for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the sum of one million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) shall be transferred from account 0220000-239-081-1998 or any other account created for the same purposes in the Department of the Treasury's accounting system to the 'Elections Support Fund.'

The balance shall never..."

Section 11.- Subsection (a) of Section 17 of Act No. 73-2008, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 17.- Special Economic Development Fund.-

In General.-

(a) The Secretary of the Treasury shall establish a special fund, to be denominated 'Special Economic Development Fund,' into which five percent (5%) of the amounts collected from the income tax paid by businesses exempted under this Act or under preceding tax incentives laws in relation to industrial development income, as well as the amounts collected from the payment of withheld taxes concerning royalties relative to operations exempted under this Act or under preceding tax incentives laws, shall be covered during the first four (4) years of effectiveness of this Act. Starting on the fifth (5th) year of effectiveness of this Act, seven point five percent (7.5%) of the items provided for above in lieu of five percent (5%) provided for the initial four (4)-year period. Provided, as an exception, that for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, four percent (4%) of the items provided for above shall be

covered into the fund and three point five percent (3.5%) shall be transferred to the 2015-2016 Legal Liability Fund. If the total amount of this last transfer does not exceed fourteen million, two hundred and sixty-three thousand, two hundred dollars (\$14,263,200), the Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall make the corresponding adjustments in the appropriations to be payable from the 2015-2016 Legal Liability Fund. If said sum exceeds fourteen million, two hundred and sixty-three thousand, two hundred dollars (\$14,263,200), such excess shall be covered into the General Fund. Provided, further, that for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in account number 278-166-779-2014 of the Department of the Treasury's accounting system shall be transferred from this Fund to the 'Special Education Students Service and Therapy Fund,' created by Act No. 73-2014. Furthermore, for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, it is hereby directed that, of the percentage of revenues that nurture this Fund, the sum of three million, six hundred and fifty-nine thousand four hundred and eighteen dollars (\$3,659,418) be allocated, firstly, to the 'Elections Support Fund.' Provided, further, that starting on the ninth (9th) year of the effectiveness of this Act, ten percent (10%) of the items provided for above shall be covered into the fund, in lieu of seven point five percent (7.5%) provided above.

The monies of...

(1) ...

(b) ...”

Section 12.- It is hereby directed that the sum of two million, three hundred thousand dollars (\$2,300,000) in account 0220000-239-781-1998, described as '*Estabilizar Derecho Presentac.*,' or any other account created for the same purposes in the Department of the Treasury's accounting system be transferred to the 'Elections Support Fund.'”

Section 13.- The first paragraph of Section 10.010 of Act No. 78-2011, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 10.010.- Recount

When the preliminary or general result of an election shows a difference between two candidates for the same elective public office of one hundred (100) votes or less, or zero point five percent (0.5%) or less of the total votes cast for such office, the Commission, at the request of any of the candidates in the dispute, shall conduct a manual recount of the votes cast in the polling places involved. In the case of senators and representatives-at-large, a manual recount of the polling places involved may be requested if the difference between the eleventh (11th) and twelfth (12th) candidate is one hundred (100) votes or less, or zero point five percent (0.5%) or less of the total votes adjudicated for the office in question. In the case of municipal legislators, a manual recount of the polling places involved may be requested if the difference between the last candidate and the one that follows is five (5) votes or less. The request for recount authorized herein shall have the effect of a contested action, and there shall be no certification of the winner until the manual recount of said polling places is made, as requested; thus confirming the voter’s intent and guaranteeing procedural integrity by counting every vote in the form and manner in which it was cast. The Commission shall perform the manual recount using the tally sheets and the ballots of the polling place as described below.

The Commission shall revise...

The Commission shall retain...

Candidates...”

Section 14.- The transfers set forth in this Act shall, except for the transfer provided in Section 13, be made on or before five (5) calendar days have elapsed from the approval of this Act. The transfer provided in Section 13 shall be made no later than December 31st, 2016.

Section 15.- The Director of the Office of Management and Budget may transfer funds between the items provided in the Fund created under Section 1 of this Act. The Office of Management and Budget shall file a report with the Office of the Clerk of the House and the Office of the Secretary of the Senate of this Legislative Assembly, on or before the fifth (5th) business day of each month; said report shall contain an account of the transfers made the previous month pursuant to the foregoing.

Section 16.- Given the need to remain within available resources and in the exercise of its constitutional powers, this Legislative Assembly hereby establishes that the total or partial omission of appropriations allocated for the uses that are object of the Funds created herein, shall not generate any debt, obligation, or commitment whatsoever to public entities or third parties, except for appropriations authorized by future legislation. Any previous law that provides for amounts other than those provided in the “Elections Support Fund” shall be deemed to be superseded for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Section 17.- If any clause, paragraph, subparagraph, article, provision, section, subsection, or part of this Act were held to be unconstitutional by a Court with jurisdiction, said holding to such effect shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remaining provisions of this Act. The effect of such holding shall be limited to the clause, paragraph, subparagraph article, provision, section, subsection, or part thereof held to be unconstitutional.

Section 18.- Effectiveness

This Act shall take effect immediately after its approval.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify to the Secretary of State that the following **Act No. 81-2016 (H. B. 2958) (Conference)** of the **7th Regular Session** of the **17th Legislative Assembly 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, on this 31st day of January, 2017.

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