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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Your Right to Vote**

*October 30, 2014- Tamuning, Guam* – With just days before the election, Attorney General Leonardo M. Rapadas reminds voters to exercise their right to vote and employers of their duty, under law, to allow time for their employees to do so.

The Office of the Attorney General issued a circular today that both reminds and clarifies for employers that they must grant their employees two hours of leave of absence in between the time of opening and closing of the polls in order to vote. It is applicable for both the private and government sectors.

A 2012 amendment permits employees to unilaterally absent themselves from employment to vote. This means that an employee may excuse themselves from work in order to vote without having to schedule or submit a leave form.

“The right to vote is cherished by the people of Guam. Our lawmakers understood that when they amended the law in 2012. I want to assure everyone, both public and private sectors, that right will be protected,” said Attorney General Leonardo M. Rapadas.

The law can be found at 3 Guam Code Annotated, subsection 9125.

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