



STATE ELECTIONS COMMISSION OF PUERTO RICO

FINAL CERTIFICATION AMENDED PLEBISCITE FOR THE FINAL DEFINITION OF THE PUERTO RICO'S POLITICAL STATUS

WHEREAS: The *Law for the Final Definition of the Puerto Rico's Political Status*, Puerto Rico Act No. 51-2020, was approved "to create the rules for a plebiscite that will be held on November 3, 2020 to resolve a century-old problem of Puerto Rico's status as a territory of the United States of America; to guarantee the U.S. citizens of Puerto Rico their right to self-determination and their right to demand the Federal Government for redress of grievances; provide the conditions for conducting this plebiscite pursuant to Public Law 113-76 of 2014 and the pertinent congressional reports, House Report 113-171 and House Report 116-101; to appropriate funds; and for other related purposes."



WHEREAS: The *Law for the Final Definition of the Puerto Rico's Political Status*, Puerto Rico Act No. 51-2020, establishes on its Article 1.3 (h), as Public Policy: "After more than a century of being at a disadvantage due to our territorial status, and after the conclusive result of the Plebiscite of 2012 in which the current territorial status was rejected, Congress and the President approved an appropriation of \$2.5 million in the "Consolidated Appropriations Act," Pub. L. 113-76 (2014), to fund an "objective, nonpartisan education campaign for the plebiscite voters, about the alternative options that would resolve Puerto Rico's future political status." This "Law to Define Puerto Rico's Final Political Status" is consistent with the parameters established by the aforementioned Federal Act and the statements made in congressional House Report 113-171 and House Report 116-101"

WHEREAS: Article 5.9 (e) of the *Law for the Final Definition of the Puerto Rico's Political Status*, Puerto Rico Act No. 51-2020, establishes that "The status option printed on the ballot that is favored by a majority of one hundred percent (100%) of the votes defined as "Adjudicated Ballots", shall be certified by the Puerto Rico State Elections Commission as the winning option and the legitimate expression of self-determination of a majority of voters to resolve Puerto Rico's territorial status."

THEREFORE: According to Article 5.9 (e) of the *Law for the Final Definition of the Puerto Rico's Political Status*, Puerto Rico Act No. 51-2020, the Puerto Rico State Elections Commission certifies the final result of the Plebiscite for the *Final Definition of the Puerto Rico's Political Status*, held on November 3, 2020:

QUESTION: Should Puerto Rico be admitted immediately into the Union as a State?

**POLITICAL STATUS FIGURE VOTES PERCENT PREFERENCE
STATEHOOD**

YES		655,505	52.52 %
NO		592,671	47.48 %

Enacted in accordance with Article 5.9 (f) of the *Law for the Final Definition of the Puerto Rico's Political Status*, Puerto Rico Act No. 51-2020.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, on February 12, 2021.



FRANCISCO J. ROSADO-COLOMER
Chairman

I CERTIFY: That on this same date I have sent copy of this certification to the Governor of Puerto Rico, to the Resident Commissioner in Washington DC, the presiding officers of the Legislative Assembly, the U.S. President, the presiding officers of Congress, and the U.S. Attorney General, in accordance with Article 5.9 (f) of the *Act to Define Puerto Rico's Ultimate Political Status*, Act No. 51 of May 16, 2020.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico on February 12, 2021.



ROLANDO CUEVAS COLÓN
Secretary

