



The President
Palikir, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia

PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 15-19
FSM CONGRESS

June 7, 2007

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker
15th FSM Congress
Palikir, Pohnpei State, FM 96941

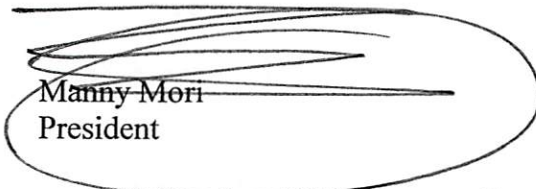
RE: C.A. No. 15-1

Dear Speaker Figir:

I am pleased to inform you that I have designated the following Congressional Act as Public Law No. 15-2:

Congressional Act No. 15-1, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND TITLE 9 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AS ENACTED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 14-76 AND AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 14-98, BY AMENDING SECTION 605 TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF DAYS THAT THE SPECIAL POLLING PLACES LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA REMAIN OPEN FROM SEVEN (7) DAYS TO ELECTION DAY ONLY, TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HOURS THOSE SPECIAL POLLING PLACES REMAIN OPEN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Sincerely,


Manny Mori
President

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court
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June 01, 2007

His Excellency Manny Mori
President
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Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 15-1, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND TITLE 9 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AS ENACTED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 14-76 AND AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 14-98, BY AMENDING SECTION 605 TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF DAYS THAT THE SPECIAL POLLING PLACES LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA REMAIN OPEN FROM SEVEN DAYS TO ELECTION DAY ONLY, TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HOURS THOSE SPECIAL POLLING PLACES REMAIN OPEN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2007, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liwiana K. Ramon", is written over a horizontal line.

Liwiana K. Ramon
Chief Clerk, Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures



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FIFTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
MAY 11 – 30, 2007

Public Law No. 15 02

An Act

TO FURTHER AMEND TITLE 9 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AS ENACTED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 14-76 AND AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 14-98, BY AMENDING SECTION 605 TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF DAYS THAT THE SPECIAL POLLING PLACES LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA REMAIN OPEN FROM SEVEN DAYS TO ELECTION DAY ONLY, TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HOURS THOSE SPECIAL POLLING PLACES REMAIN OPEN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY: SENATOR PETER SITAN

DATE: MAY 15, 2007

REFERRED TO: JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
S.C.R NO. 15-01 – MAY 21, 2007

FIRST READING: MAY 24, 2007

SECOND READING: MAY 25, 2007

Liwiana K. Ramon
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ACT NO. 15-1

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 15-10)

We hereby certify that on May 25 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2007, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required under article IX, section 20, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Isaac V. Figir
Speaker
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

Liwiana K. Ramon
Chief Clerk
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

Public Law No. 15 02

AN ACT

To further amend title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as enacted by Public Law No. 14-76 and amended by Public Law No. 14-98, by amending section 605 to reduce the number of days that the special polling places located outside of the Federated States of Micronesia remain open from seven days to election day only, to increase the number of hours those special polling places remain open; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1 Section 1. Title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of
2 Micronesia, as enacted by Public Law No. 14-76, and amended by
3 Public Law 14-98 is hereby amended by amending section 605 of
4 chapter 6 to read as follows:

5 "Section 605. Voting absentee ballot at a special
6 Polling Place.

7 (1) Registered Voters who are absent from their State
8 of registration on Election Day may cast their votes at a
9 special Polling Place.

10 (2) Not less than 60 days prior to a general election,
11 or 45 days prior to a special election, the National
12 Election Director shall designate the locations of the
13 special Polling Places, provided that, there shall be one
14 special Polling Place in Guam and one special Polling
15 Place in Honolulu and that these shall be the only
16 special Polling Places located outside the Federated
17 States of Micronesia.

1 (3) Requests to vote absentee ballot at a special
2 Polling Place must be in writing, using the forms required
3 by the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this
4 title, and received by the national election commissioner
5 of the State of registration not less than 30 days prior
6 to a general election or 20 days before a special
7 election; provided however, no written request shall be
8 required if in a previous National Election the absentee
9 voter submitted a request in which he or she indicated his
10 or her desire to vote at the same special Polling Place in
11 future National Elections until such time as the voter
12 provides written notification to the national election
13 commissioner that he or she wishes to resume voting at his
14 or her regular Polling Place. Provided, further, that a
15 voter with a valid Voter Identification Card may vote at
16 any special Polling Place designated for his or her
17 Congressional Election District without submitting a
18 written request.

19 (4) The national election commissioner, or his or her
20 designee, shall review all special Polling Place requests
21 for a particular Congressional Election District, and
22 shall request that the National Election Director place
23 on a special Polling Place Signature List for that
24 Congressional Election District all the information
25 contained on the National Voter Register for those

1 absentee voters who submitted valid and timely requests.
2 No later than six days before a National Election, the
3 national election commissioners shall post at the
4 National Election Office in their State the special
5 Polling Place Signature List for each special Polling
6 Place in their State.

7 (5) The National Election Director, or his or her
8 designee, shall review all requests to vote at a special
9 Polling Place outside the Federated States of Micronesia,
10 and shall place on a special Polling Place signature list
11 for that special Polling Place all the information
12 contained on the National Voter Register for those
13 absentee voters who submitted valid and timely requests.
14 No later than 14 days before a National Election, the
15 National Election Director, or his or her designee, shall
16 post the special Polling Place Signature Lists for Guam
17 and Honolulu in a publicly accessible place in each
18 respective location to be set out in the regulations
19 promulgated pursuant to this title.

20 (6) The National Election Director, or his or her
21 designee, shall strike out or delete the entry of an
22 absentee voter included on a special Polling Place
23 Signature list from the Signature List for that voter's
24 regular Polling Place. The absentee voter shall not be
25 allowed to cast a ballot at his or her regular Polling

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Place on Election Day.

(7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the special Polling Places located outside the Federated States of Micronesia shall remain open between 7:00 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. on election day."

Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

06/08, 2007



Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia