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AN ACT

To amend Public Law No. IC-1, as amended, to provide for procedures for filing nomination petitions as candidates in the Special Elections to fill vacancies created as a result of the election of the First President and Vice President of the Federated States of Micronesia, and for other purposes.

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

1       Section 1. Section 13 of Public Law No. IC-1, as amended by  
2 Public Law No. IC-24, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

3           Section 13. Vacancies--Special Election.

4           (1) After the election of the President and Vice-  
5 President, vacancies shall be declared for the seats to  
6 which the President and Vice-President were originally  
7 elected as at-large members of the Congress of the  
8 Federated States of Micronesia. Upon notification by the  
9 Presiding Officer of the Congress of the Federated States  
10 of Micronesia, the Election Commissioners of the States so  
11 affected shall conduct special elections, thirty days after  
12 the vacancies are declared, to fill the vacancies. The  
13 nomination procedure for filling subject vacancies shall  
14 follow substantially the procedure as set forth in  
15 Section 10 of Public Law No. IC-1, as amended; PROVIDED,  
16 HOWEVER, that the name of any candidate for such special  
17 elections shall be printed on an official ballot to be used  
18 for choosing candidates only if, at least fourteen (14) days  
19 prior to such special elections, a nomination petition shall  
20 have been filed in the office of the Election Commissioners  
21 of the states in which vacancies had occurred. For the  
22 purpose of filling vacancies in the First Congress of the



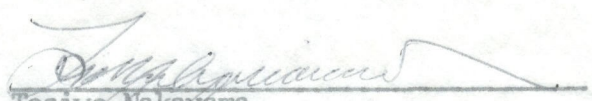
Federated States of Micronesia, the special elections shall be held on Wednesday, June 13, 1979, in the States of Yap and Truk, and Wednesday, May 30, 1979, is hereby declared as the deadline for filing nomination petitions for candidates seeking election.

(2) Any other vacancy in the Congress shall be filled for the unexpired term by special election, except that an unexpired term of one year or less shall be filled by appointment by the Chief Executive of the State affected. The appointee shall possess the same qualifications as the person he succeeds, and shall serve only for the unexpired term.

(3) For the purpose of the June 13, 1979, special elections, any voter qualified to vote by absentee ballot may, not more than 30 days nor less than 5 days before the election date, request the Election Commissioner in writing for an absentee ballot, other provisions of the Trust Territory Code to the contrary notwithstanding.

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.

May 24, 1979

  
Tosiwo Nakayama  
President  
Federated States of Micronesia