

SECOND CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 1982

C.B. No.

2300

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A BILL FOR AN ACT.

To establish a National postal system for the Federated States of Micronesia, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Short title. This act is known and may be cited as  
2 the "National Postal System Act."

3 Section 2. Postmaster General.

4 (1) There is hereby established the Office of the Postmaster  
5 General of the Federated States of Micronesia. The Postmaster General  
6 shall be appointed by the President of the Federated States of Micro-  
7 nesia, subject to the advice and consent of the Congress of the Federated  
8 States of Micronesia. An appointment shall be for the term of the  
9 appointing President, and the Postmaster General shall submit his  
10 resignation to the President for his acceptance no later than 90 days  
11 after a new President has taken office. The new President may re-  
12 nominate the same Postmaster General subject to the advice and consent  
13 of the Congress.

14 Section 3. Duties and responsibilities. The Postmaster General  
15 shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

16 (1) To supervise the operations of the National Postal  
17 System;

18 (2) To adopt postal rates and regulations pursuant to  
19 title 17 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia and in  
20 accordance with section 6 of this act; and

21 (3) To hire staff and perform such other duties and functions  
22 as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act.

23 Section 4. State post offices and postmasters. There shall be  
24 a Post Office in each of the four States under the supervision of a  
25 State postmaster who shall serve under the authority of the Postmaster

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1 General and be responsible for the operations of his respective  
2 State Post office.

3 Section 5. Applicability of the National Public Service System Act.

4 The Postmaster General and the State postmasters shall be exempt from  
5 the National Public Service System Act, but all other employees of the  
6 National Postal System shall be covered by said act.

7 Section 6. Exchange of mail; Outgoing mail. The Postmaster

8 General shall see to it that mail shall be exchanged at one exchange  
9 office mutually agreed to by the United States and the Federated States  
10 of Micronesia designated in each of the four States, and that outgoing  
11 mail from the Federated States of Micronesia shall be merged with  
12 United States mail for conveyance to the United States or to other  
13 countries. Such outgoing mail from the Federated States of Micronesia  
14 shall be treated as though it were mail from the United States for  
15 dispatch, documentation, statistical, accounting, and settlement  
16 operations with other countries.

17 Section 6. Postal rates.

18 (1) Until the effective date of the Compact of Free  
19 Association, United States domestic postal rates shall apply to mail  
20 exchanged between addresses in the Federated States of Micronesia  
21 and between the Federated States of Micronesia and Palau, the Marshall  
22 Islands, and the United States.

23 (2) After the effective date of the Compact, United States  
24 established rates shall establish the ceiling and the floor for postage  
25 rates for mail from the Federated States of Micronesia to the United

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1 States and to the Marshall Islands and Palau.

2 (3) International postal rates applicable in the United  
3 States shall apply to mail from the Federated States of Micronesia to  
4 other countries.

5 Section 7. Issuance and sale of stamps.

6 (1) The Postmaster General shall be responsible for the  
7 issuance of postage stamps and other prescribed postal indicia which  
8 shall be used for prepayment of postage rates and other postal charges  
9 on all mail originating in the Federated States of Micronesia, except  
10 for mail sent through the Military Postal System provided for in  
11 article VII of the Status of Forces Agreement Concluded Pursuant to  
12 Section 323 of the Compact of Free Association.

13 (2) Revenues derived from the sale of stamps issued by the  
14 Postmaster General for postal services or for philatelic purposes shall  
15 be deposited in the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia.

16 Section 8. Appropriation. The sum of \$50,000, or so much thereof  
17 as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the  
18 Federated States of Micronesia for the purpose of providing initial  
19 funding for the National Postal System. The sum appropriated shall be  
20 allotted to the Postmaster General, who shall manage, administer, and  
21 account for such sum in accordance with applicable law, including but  
22 not limited to, the Financial Management Act of 1979. The authority to  
23 obligate the funds appropriated by this act shall lapse as of September  
24 30, 1983.

25 Section 9. Agreement with United States. In carrying out the

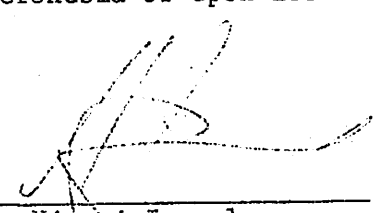
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1 provisions of this act, the Postmaster General shall do so in accordance  
2 with the Agreement Concerning Postal Services Between the United States  
3 Postal Service and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia.

4 Section 10. Effective date. This act shall become law upon approval  
5 by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its  
6 becoming law without such approval.

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8 Date: 11-2-82

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