
A BILL FOR AN ACT

To enact a title 28 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, to establish a Chamber of Traditional Chiefs, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. A new title 28 is hereby added to the Code
2 of the Federated States of Micronesia, entitled **"TITLE 28:**
3 **CHAMBER OF TRADITIONAL CHIEFS."**

4 Section 2. A section 101 of title 28 of the Code of
5 the Federated States of Micronesia is enacted to read as
6 follows:

7 "Section 101. Statement of purpose.

8 The people of the many islands of the Federated
9 States of Micronesia have unique and ancient
10 cultures comprised of diverse traditions and
11 customs. These traditions and customs should be
12 respected and preserved. In order to do this a
13 Chamber of Traditional Chiefs shall be created.
14 This Chamber of Traditional Chiefs shall advise
15 the National and State Governments for the purpose
16 of strengthening and encouraging the customs and
17 traditions of the people of the Federated States
18 of Micronesia."

19 Section 3. A section 102 of title 28 of the Code of
20 the Federated States of Micronesia is enacted to read as

1 follows:

2 "Section 102. Composition of the Chamber of
3 Traditional Chiefs.
4 The Chamber of Traditional Chiefs shall consist of
5 four traditional chiefs from each state.
6 Selection of the traditional chiefs shall be
7 consistent with that particular state's unique
8 tradition. In states with no traditional chiefs
9 the state legislature shall select four
10 individuals to represent the interests of their
11 state's traditions and customs in the Chamber."

12 Section 4. A new section 108 of title 28 of the Code
13 of the Federated States of Micronesia is enacted to read
14 as follows:

15 "Section 103. Powers and duties.
16 The Chamber of Traditional Chiefs shall have the
17 following powers and duties:
18 (1) to provide advice to the National and State
19 Governments regarding the encouraging and
20 strengthening of the traditions and customs of
21 the people of the Federated States of Micronesia;
22 (2) to monitor the activities of the National
23 and State Governments and their agencies which
24 could have an impact on traditions and customs;
25 (3) to participate in Nation-wide leadership

1 forums, including the state and national
2 leadership conferences;
3 (4) to prepare and submit a report at least
4 once a year to the President, the Congress of the
5 Federated States of Micronesia, and the Supreme
6 Court of the Federated States of Micronesia, as
7 well as, the executive, legislature, and judiciary
8 branches of each state, setting forth the
9 activities of the Chamber during the period since
10 its last report and its plans for future
11 activities;

12 (5) to establish facilities and acquire
13 equipment and supplies as may be necessary for the
14 effective implementation of its mandate, taking
15 all reasonable steps to guard against unnecessary
16 duplication of facilities and materials at the
17 national and state levels;

18 (6) to prepare and promulgate rules,
19 regulations, and guidelines necessary to the
20 effective implementation of this section; and

21 (7) to engage in such other activities as are
22 not inconsistent with the purposes of this title."

23 Section 5. A section 104 of title 28 of the Code of
24 the Federated States of Micronesia is enacted to read as
25 follows:

1 "Section 104. Compensation.

2 Members of the Chamber of Traditional Chiefs shall
3 be entitled to compensation as to be determined by
4 law. In addition, all members of the Chamber of
5 Traditional Chiefs shall be paid per diem and
6 travel expenses at standard government rates
7 incidental to travel required to fulfill their
8 responsibilities under this title."

9 Section 6. This act shall become law upon approval by
10 the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon
11 its becoming law without such approval.

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13 Date: 9/12/11

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