A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend section 404 of title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, for the purpose of allowing the FSM Consulate Offices and Embassies to register new FSM eligible voters residing outside 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 404 of Title 9 of the Code of the
2  Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, is hereby further
3  amended to read as follows:
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5  "Section 404. Registration procedures.
6       (1) A person desiring to register to vote in National
7       Elections shall complete such applications and
8       affidavits, take such oaths, and present such personal
9       documentation and witnesses, as required by the rules
10      and regulations promulgated by the National Election
11      Director pursuant to this title.
12       (2) A person desiring to register to vote in National
13      Elections and currently resides in a foreign country
14      where the Federated States of Micronesia maintains an
15      embassy or consulate shall complete such applications
16      and affidavits, take such oaths, and send such personal
17      documentation and witnesses to that embassy or
18      consulate, which shall then forward completed
19      applications and affidavits of registration to the
20      national election commissioner of the relevant state for
21      final approval and entry onto the National Voter
Register, as required by the rules and regulations promulgated by the National Election Director pursuant to this title.

Regardless of the place of registration, all completed applications and affidavits of registration shall be transmitted to the national election commissioner of the relevant state for final approval and entry onto the National Voter Register.

Every completed application or affidavit of registration shall be maintained and preserved at the National Election Office of the State of registration until such time as the Registered Voter who completed the application or affidavit is deceased or is otherwise no longer eligible to vote.

All completed applications and affidavits of registration shall be open to public inspection during regular business hours.

The National Election Director may issue Voter Identification Cards to all Registered Voters at or after the time of registration. All Voter Identification Cards shall be issued free of charge, provided that, there shall be a charge in an amount to be set out in the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this title for issuing a Registered Voter with a replacement Voter Identification Card. Upon
issuing a Voter Identification Card to a Registered Voter, the National Election Director, or his or her designee, shall make a notation next to that Registered Voter's entry on the National Voter Register. A Registered Voter who has been issued a Voter Identification Card must present that card before being issued a ballot at his or her Polling Place."

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.

Date: 9/10/13 Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper

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