A BILL FOR AN ACT

To establish the Office of Administrative Services under the Executive Branch, by amending sections 203 and 204 of title 2 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), and section 122 of title 52 F.S.M.C. (Annotated), and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Section 203 of title 2 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 203. Departments.

(1) There shall be the following departments which shall be responsible for major programs or administrative support areas in the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia:

(a) Department of Resources and Development;
(b) Department of Finance [and Administration];
(c) Department of Foreign Affairs;
(d) Department of Health and Social Affairs;
(e) Department of Justice;
(f) Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure, which shall contain among other units, a Project Management Unit for the Compact Infrastructure Grants;
(g) Department of Education.
(2) The administrative head of each department shall be designated as a “Secretary”.

Section 2. Section 204 of title 2 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 204. Other Executive Offices. There shall be the following executive offices:
(1) Office of the Public Defender;
(2) Office of Environment and Emergency Management;
(3) Office of National Archives, Culture and Historic Preservation; [and]
(4) Office of Veteran’s Affairs; and
(5) Office of Administrative Services, to be headed by the Personnel and Administrative Officer, appointed pursuant to section 122 of title 52 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia.”

Section 3. Section 122 of title 52 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 122. Personnel and Administrative Officer—Appointment and qualifications.
(1) The Personnel and Administrative Officer shall be appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Congress [or its appropriate committee].
(2) The Personnel and Administrative Officer shall
serve as the Director of the Office of Administrative Services established under section 204 of title 2 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia and shall direct and supervise all the administrative and technical activities [of the Office of Personnel] provided under this chapter, including the management of tangible assets of the National Government.

(3) The Personnel and Administrative Officer shall be a person qualified for administrative responsibility by training and experience and of known sympathy with merit principles of personnel administration."

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

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