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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 2-73, as amended by Public Law No. 3-36, by amending sections 302 and 701, relating to National general elections, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 302 of Public Law No. 2-73 is hereby amended
2 to read as follows:

3 "Section 302. Powers and duties of National election
4 commissioner. A National election commissioner shall have
5 responsibility for the overall supervision and adminis-
6 tration of the election within his State and shall perform
7 such duties as are prescribed by law, which include, but
8 are not limited to the following:

9 (1) To appoint all members of the several boards of
10 election in his State as provided for in this act;

11 (2) To designate special polling places in other
12 States of the Federated States of Micronesia or abroad
13 where the Federated States of Micronesia has an office,
14 upon request received by his office at least 20 days
15 prior to the election day, and to appoint a board of
16 election therefor consisting of not less than two members;

17 (23) To require such reports from the several boards
18 as may be required by law or regulation or as he may deem
19 necessary;

20 (34) To review and examine voting irregularities or
21 violations of any election laws in accordance with the
22 provisions of chapter 6 of this act;

23 (45) To establish voting precincts within each
24 election district and designate appropriate polling places
25 within each voting precinct, upon recommendations of the

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1 members of the board of election of the particular election
2 district;

3 (56) To receive nomination petitions and list all
4 candidates for election in alphabetical order on the ballots
5 for each election district;

6 (67) To register or cause to be registered all the
7 voters in his State and to maintain the General State
8 Register as provided in this act;

9 (78) To prepare from the General State Register a
10 registered voters list for each voting precinct prior to
11 any election;

12 (89) To implement rules, regulations, and instructions
13 for absentee ballots for the conduct of the election; and

14 (910) To determine and prescribe forms of ballots and
15 the forms of all blanks, cards of instructions, pollbooks,
16 tally sheets, and all forms and blanks required by the
17 provisions of this act for use by candidates, boards,
18 committees, and voters, and supply the same to the boards
19 of election."

20 Section 2. Section 701 of Public Law No. 2-73 is hereby amended
21 to read as follows:

22 "Section 701. 'Voter' and 'ballot' defined.

23 (1) Any registered voter qualified to vote at any
24 general or special election shall be entitled and enabled
25 to vote by absentee ballot if:

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1 (a) He is confined to his home or hospital by
2 reason of such illness or physical disability as will
3 prevent him from attending the polls; or

4 (b) He is prevented from voting by reason of
5 being at sea, absent from the State ~~or municipality~~ in
6 which he is registered, or obstructed by natural barrier
7 making it highly impractical or extremely difficult for
8 him to arrive at his place of voting in time to cast his
9 ballot.

10 (2) An absentee ballot is an official ballot
11 which is authorized by this title to be voted outside of
12 any designated polling place or prior to the date of the
13 election."

14 Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by the
15 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming
16 law without such approval.

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18 Date: 1/17/89

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