A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 2-73, as amended by Public Law No. 3-36, and as codified in title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, 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:

Section 1. Section 302 of Public Law No. 2-73, as codified in title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 302. Powers and duties of National election commissioner. A National election commissioner shall have responsibility for the overall supervision and administration of the election within his State and shall perform such duties as are prescribed by law, which include, but are not limited to the following:

1. To appoint all members of the several boards of election in his State as provided for in this act;

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

3. To require such reports from the several boards as may be required by law or regulation or as he may deem necessary;

4. To review and examine voting irregularities or violations of any election laws in accordance with the provisions of chapter 6 of this act;

5. To establish voting precincts within each election district and designate appropriate polling places
within each voting precinct, upon recommendations of the
members of the board of election of the particular election
district;

(§6) To receive nomination petitions and list all
candidates for election in alphabetical order on the
ballots for each election district;

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

(§8) To prepare from the General State Register a
registered voters list for each voting precinct prior to
any election;

(§9) To implement rules, regulations, and instructions
for absentee ballots for the conduct of the election; and

(§10) To determine and prescribe forms of ballots
and the forms of all blanks, cards of instructions, poll-
books, tally sheets, and all forms and blanks required
by the provisions of this act for use by candidates, boards,
committees, and voters, and supply the same to the boards
of election."

Section 2. Section 701 of Public Law No. 2-73, as codified in
title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, is hereby
amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

Section 3. 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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