

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:

4           "Section 404. Registration procedures.

5           (1) A person desiring to register to vote in National  
6 Elections shall complete such applications and  
7 affidavits, take such oaths, and present such personal  
8 documentation and witnesses, as required by the rules  
9 and regulations promulgated by the National Election  
10 Director pursuant to this title.

11           (2) A person desiring to register to vote in National  
12 Elections and currently resides in a foreign country  
13 where the Federated States of Micronesia maintains an  
14 embassy or consulate shall complete such applications  
15 and affidavits, take such oaths, and send such personal  
16 documentation and witnesses to that embassy or  
17 consulate, which shall then forward completed  
18 applications and affidavits of registration to the  
19 national election commissioner of the relevant state for  
20 final approval and entry onto the National Voter

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1           Register, as required by the rules and regulations  
2           promulgated by the National Election Director pursuant  
3           to this title.

4           ~~[(2)]~~ (3) Regardless of the place of registration, all  
5           completed applications and affidavits of registration  
6           shall be transmitted to the national election  
7           commissioner of the relevant state for final approval  
8           and entry onto the National Voter Register.

9           ~~[(3)]~~ (4) Every completed application or affidavit of  
10          registration shall be maintained and preserved at the  
11          National Election Office of the State of registration  
12          until such time as the Registered Voter who completed  
13          the application or affidavit is deceased or is otherwise  
14          no longer eligible to vote.

15          ~~[(4)]~~ (5) All completed applications and affidavits of  
16          registration shall be open to public inspection during  
17          regular business hours.

18          ~~[(5)]~~ (6) The National Election Director may issue Voter  
19          Identification Cards to all Registered Voters at or  
20          after the time of registration. All Voter  
21          Identification Cards shall be issued free of charge,  
22          provided that, there shall be a charge in an amount to  
23          be set out in the rules and regulations promulgated  
24          pursuant to this title for issuing a Registered Voter  
25          with a replacement Voter Identification Card. Upon

1           issuing a Voter Identification Card to a Registered  
2           Voter, the National Election Director, or his or her  
3           designee, shall make a notation next to that Registered  
4           Voter's entry on the National Voter Register. A  
5           Registered Voter who has been issued a Voter  
6           Identification Card must present that card before being  
7           issued a ballot at his or her Polling Place."

8           Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the  
9           President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its  
10          becoming law without such approval.

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12   Date: 9/10/13

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