
A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as enacted by Public Law No. 14-76 and amended by Public Law No. 14-98, by amending section 605 to reduce the number of days that the special polling places located outside of the Federated States of Micronesia remain open from seven days to election day only, to increase the number of hours those special polling places remain open; and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of
2 Micronesia, as enacted by Public Law No. 14-76, and amended by
3 Public Law 14-98 is hereby amended by amending section 605 of
4 chapter 6 to read as follows:

5 "Section 605. Voting absentee ballot at a special
6 Polling Place.

7 (1) Registered Voters who are absent from their State
8 of registration on Election Day may cast their votes at
9 a special Polling Place.

10 (2) Not less than 60 days prior to a general election,
11 or 45 days prior to a special election, the National
12 Election Director shall designate the locations of the
13 special Polling Places, provided that, there shall be
14 one special Polling Place in Guam and one special
15 Polling Place in Honolulu and that these shall be the
16 only special Polling Places located outside the
17 Federated States of Micronesia.

18 (3) Requests to vote absentee ballot at a special

1 Polling Place must be in writing, using the forms
2 required by the rules and regulations promulgated
3 pursuant to this title, and received by the national
4 election commissioner of the State of registration not
5 less than 30 days prior to a general election or 20 days
6 before a special election; provided however, no written
7 request shall be required if in a previous National
8 Election the absentee voter submitted a request in which
9 he or she indicated his or her desire to vote at the
10 same special Polling Place in future National Elections
11 until such time as the voter provides written
12 notification to the national election commissioner that
13 he or she wishes to resume voting at his or her regular
14 Polling Place. Provided, further, that a voter with a
15 valid Voter Identification Card may vote at any special
16 Polling Place designated for his her Congressional
17 Election District without submitting a written request.

18 (4) The national election commissioner, or his or her
19 designee, shall review all special Polling Place
20 requests for a particular Congressional Election
21 District, and shall request that the National Election
22 Director place on a special Polling Place Signature List
23 for that Congressional Election District all the
24 information contained on the National Voter Register for
25 those absentee voters who submitted valid and timely

1 requests. No later than six days before a National
2 Election, the national election commissioners shall post
3 at the National Election Office in their State the
4 special Polling Place Signature List for each special
5 Polling Place in their State.

6 (5) The National Election Director, or his or her
7 designee, shall review all requests to vote at a special
8 Polling Place outside the Federated States of
9 Micronesia, and shall place on a special Polling Place
10 signature list for that special Polling Place all the
11 information contained on the National Voter Register for
12 those absentee voters who submitted valid and timely
13 requests. No later than 14 days before a National
14 Election, the National Election Director, or his or her
15 designee, shall post the special Polling Place Signature
16 Lists for Guam and Honolulu in a publicly accessible
17 place in each respective location to be set out in the
18 regulations promulgated pursuant to this title.

19 (6) The National Election Director, or his or her
20 designee, shall strike out or delete the entry of an
21 absentee voter included on a special Polling Place
22 Signature list from the Signature List for that voter's
23 regular Polling Place. The absentee voter shall not be
24 allowed to cast a ballot at his or her regular Polling
25 Place on Election Day.

