

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by amending section 704 of chapter 7 to permit a registered voter to cast a ballot where there is a mistake in placing the name of the voter on the Signature List of a Polling Place in a State, Congressional Election District or Municipality in which he or she does not reside.

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 amended, is hereby further amended by amending
3 section 704 of chapter 7 to read as follows:

4 "Section 704. Checking the register; issuing of
5 ballots.

6 (1) A person appearing at any Polling Place to vote,
7 including absentee Polling Places specified in
8 subsections 601(3)(b), (c), (d) and (e), shall report
9 his or her full name to the election board members. If
10 the person has been issued a Voter Identification Card,
11 he or she must present that voter Identification Card to
12 the election board members in order to vote. If the
13 person_has not been issued a Voter Identification Card,
14 then he or she shall present other proof of identity as
15 required under the rules and regulations promulgated
16 pursuant to this title.

17 (2) An election board member shall then check the
18 Signature List to determine whether or not the person

1 appearing is a Registered Voter for that Congressional
2 Election District and Municipality, and if so, shall
3 announce the name appearing on the Signature List. Once
4 the person's identity has been established and entry has
5 been found on the Signature List, he or she shall sign
6 his or her full name next to his or her entry on the
7 Signature List. An election board member shall then
8 issue the person an official ballot, and, if the person
9 has presented a Voter Identification Card, shall mark
10 the person's Voter Identification Card so as to indicate
11 that he or she has already voted in that National
12 Election.

13 (3) No person shall be permitted to cast a ballot
14 in a National Election at a Polling Place unless his or
15 her name appears on the Signature List for that Polling
16 Place and he or she signs the Signature List; provided,
17 however, that a person whose name does not appear on the
18 Signature List but who presents a valid Voter
19 Identification Card for that Polling Place which
20 indicates that he or she has not yet voted in that
21 National Election, where there is a mistake in placing
22 the name of a voter on the Signature List of a Polling
23 Place in a State, Congressional Election District or
24 Municipality in which he or she does not reside or where
25 there is a mistake in omitting the name of a registered

1 voter from the Signature List of a Polling Place in a
2 State, Congressional Election District or Municipality
3 in which he or she does reside, such person shall be
4 permitted to cast a ballot after signing a supplemental
5 Signature List.

6 (4) Any election board member, poll watcher or
7 Registered Voter may challenge the identity or
8 eligibility to vote of any person appearing at the
9 Polling Place to vote on Election Day in accordance with
10 section 708 of this chapter.

11 (5) An election board member shall record in the
12 official log book for the Polling Place the full name,
13 date of birth, sex and municipality of registration of
14 any person not allowed to cast a ballot as a result of
15 subsections (3) or (4) of this section. The election
16 board member shall also record in the official log book
17 the reason for disallowing the person to vote. The
18 person not allowed to vote shall then sign the log book
19 next to his or her entry.

20 (6) The National Election Director shall establish by
21 rules and regulations additional security measures to
22 prevent election fraud and irregularities at the Polling
23 Places."

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

Date: 5/17/07
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Introduced by: /s/ Dohsis

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