

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend section 605 of title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 14-98 and 15-02, for the purpose of establishing Maui, Hawaii and Portland, Oregon, as additional Special Polling Places, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 605 of Title 9 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Laws Nos.
3 14-98 and 15-02, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

18 (3) Requests to vote absentee ballot at a special
19 Polling Place must be in writing, using the forms
20 required by the rules and regulations promulgated

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

16 (4) The national election commissioner, or his or her
17 designee, shall review al special Polling Place requests
18 for a particular Congressional Election District, and
19 shall request that the National Election Director place
20 on a special Polling Place Signature List for that
21 Congressional Election District al the information
22 contained on the National Voter Register for those
23 absentee voters who submitted valid and timely requests.
24 No later than six days before a National Election, the
25 national elections commissioners shall post at the

1 National Election office in their State the special
2 Polling Place Signature List for each special Polling
3 Place in their State.

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

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

25 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the

1 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
2 becoming law without such approval.

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4 Date: 3/27/14

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