

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by amending section 809, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 809 of title 9 of the Code of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Law No. 12-
3 52, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

4 "Section 809. Counting of ballots, announcement of
5 unofficial results.

6 (1) The National Election Director, upon the
7 recommendation of the national election commissioner of
8 the relevant State, shall establish counting and
9 tabulation committees in each State [~~, PROVIDED,~~
10 ~~however, that the counting and tabulation of ballots for~~
11 ~~Election District No. 4 in Chuuk shall take place in~~
12 ~~Weno, Chuuk, and FURTHER PROVIDED that the counting and~~
13 ~~tabulation of ballots function for the Southern Namoneas~~
14 ~~shall be performed in a de-centralized manner]~~. Each
15 counting and tabulation committee shall be composed of
16 not less than three members.

17 (2) Each counting and tabulation committee shall
18 publicly count and tally all votes cast and determine
19 the acceptability thereof, PROVIDED, however, that no
20 persons other than members of the counting and

1 tabulation committee, the candidate or his authorized
2 representative, and security personnel, if any, shall be
3 permitted within 100 feet of the counting and tabulation
4 of ballots.

5 (3) The counting and tabulation of ballots cast shall
6 begin upon receipt of the ballot box, if such activity
7 is centralized, or upon the close of the poll, if such
8 activity is de-centralized, whichever is applicable.

9 (4) Public announcement of the unofficial results of
10 the counting and tabulation of ballots by each counting
11 and tabulation committee shall be made by the national
12 election commissioner in the manner set forth in
13 regulations issued pursuant to this title."

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

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18 Date: 12/13/04

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