

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by amending section 605, to require that the special polling places located outside the Federated States of Micronesia to remain open for seven days including election day, to make certain other adjustments to the timing of election activities, 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, is hereby amended  
3 by amending section 605 of chapter 6 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 and that these shall be the  
15 only special Polling Places located outside the  
16 Federated States of Micronesia.

17           (3) Requests to vote absentee ballot at a special  
18 Polling Place must be in writing, using the forms

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

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

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1 Election, the national election commissioners shall post  
2 at the National Election Office in their State the  
3 special Polling Place Signature List for each special  
4 Polling Place in their State.

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

