
A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend section 605 of title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), to create a new special Polling Place located outside of the Federated States of Micronesia, and for other purposes.

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

2 Section 1. Section 605 of title 9 of the Code of the
3 Federated States of Micronesia, (Annotated), is hereby amended to
4 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
11 election, or 45 days prior to a special election, the
12 National Election Director shall designate the locations
13 of the special Polling Places; PROVIDED THAT, there
14 shall be one special Polling Place in Guam, ~~[and]~~ one
15 special Polling Place in Honolulu, and one special
16 Polling Place in Maui, and that these shall be the only
17 special Polling Places located outside the Federated
18 States of Micronesia.

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

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 20 days
5 before a special election; provided however, no written
6 request shall be required if in a previous National
7 Election the absentee voter submitted a request in which
8 he or she indicated his or her desire to vote at the
9 same special Polling Place in future National Elections
10 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

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 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, and Maui in a publicly
16 accessible place in each respective location to be set
17 out in the regulations promulgated pursuant to this
18 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.

1 (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
2 title, the special Polling Places located outside the
3 Federated States of Micronesia shall remain open between
4 7:00 am and 9:30 p.m. on election day."

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

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9 Date: 9/26/17

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