A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend section 803 of Public Law No. 2-73 changing the closing time of the polls for National elections, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Amendment. Section 803 of Public Law No. 2-73 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 803. Opening and closing of polls. At exactly 7 a.m. of the day of the election, a member of the board of election shall proclaim aloud at each place of election that the polls are open and shall be kept open until 75 p.m., of the same day, after which time the polls shall be closed; PROVIDED that if at the hour of closing there are any other voters in the polling place, or in line at the door, who are qualified to vote and have not been able to do so since appearing, the polls shall be kept open a sufficient time to enable them to vote; PROVIDED FURTHER that if all registered voters appearing on a registered voters list for any polling place have voted, that polling place may close irrespective of the time of day; PROVIDED FURTHER that if an election for State office is held on the same day as the National election and the time for closing is later than 5 p.m. then the closing time for the State election shall prevail."

Section 2. Effective date. 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: June 3, 1983

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