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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend section 605 of title 9 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, (Annotated), to create four new special polling places 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, one special Polling  
16 Place in Maui, one special Polling Place in Hilo, one  
17 special Polling Place in Portland, Oregon, and one  
18 special Polling Place in Neosho, Missouri and that these  
19 shall be the only special Polling Places located outside

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1 the Federated States of Micronesia.

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

20 (4) The national election commissioner, or his or her  
21 designee, shall review all special Polling Place  
22 requests for a particular Congressional Election  
23 District, and shall request that the National Election  
24 Director place on a special Polling Place Signature List  
25 for that Congressional Election District all the

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1 information contained on the National Voter Register for  
2 those absentee voters who submitted valid and timely  
3 requests. No later than six days before a National  
4 Election, the national election commissioners shall post  
5 at the National Election Office in their State the  
6 special Polling Place Signature List for each special  
7 Polling Place in their State.

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

22 (6) The National Election Director, or his or her  
23 designee, shall strike out or delete the entry of an  
24 absentee voter included on a special Polling Place  
25 Signature list from the Signature List for that voter's

1 regular Polling Place. The absentee voter shall not be  
2 allowed to cast a ballot at his or her regular Polling  
3 Place on Election Day.

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

8 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the  
9 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its  
10 becoming law without such approval.

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12 Date: 9/21/16

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